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Fourth Annual Meeting of the General Board of Christian Education, April 24, 25, 1934

The fourth annual meeting of the General Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held at the Edwards Hotel in Jackson, Miss., April 24, 25, 1934, immediately preceding the opening of the General Conference in that city. Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, president of the Board, presided. Dr. L. H. Estes, the recording secretary, kept a complete record of all the proceedings which has been filed in permanent form in the archives of the Board at Nashville, Tenn. This account of the meeting at Jackson is an abridged report and not the official minutes, but it contains all important actions taken.

Upon roll call it was found that forty-two of the forty-four members were present. Mrs. J. H. Spilman of the Kentucky Conference and Dr. Ed F. Cook of the South Georgia Conference sent communications explaining their absences.

REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held December 4, 1933, which had been mailed to all Board members, were approved.

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held April 10, 1934, in Nashville, were read and adopted. The recommendations of this committee had to do largely with:

1. The adoption of a tentative budget for the continuance of the present program of the Board until the new Board, or its executive committee, shall approve finally a budget for the year, 1934-35.

2. The continuance of the present personnel of the general staff until the new Board, or its executive committee, shall meet and elect a staff.

REPORTS OF SECRETARIES AND DIRECTORS

Dr. W. F. Quillian, the General Secretary, submitted his annual report (see page 10).

Dr. C. A. Bowen, the Secretary of the Editorial Department, submitted his annual report (see page 18).

The annual report of Dr. W. M. Alexander, Secretary of the Department of Schools and Colleges, who was detained at home because of personal illness, was presented by Mr. Boyd M. McKeown (see page 27).

Dr. John Q. Schisler, Secretary of the Department of the Local Church, submitted his report for that department (see page 39).

The following directors of divisions submitted their annual reports which will be found on pages noted:

Boyd M. McKeown, Promotion and Life Service (page 35).

Harvey C. Brown, Wesley Foundation (page 32).

Walter Towner, Young People's Division (page 53).

Miss Mary Skinner, Children's Division (page 48).

M. Leo Rippey, Adult Division (page 61).

O. W. Moerner, School Administration (page 65).

J. Fisher Simpson, Leadership Training (page 71).

A. W. Martin, Extension and Missionary Education (page 68).

W. E. Hogan, Treasurer and Business Manager, submitted his annual report (see page 76) and copies of the auditor's report.

REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

The audit committee presented the following report which was adopted:

"We find that the Auditors were duly appointed in accord with the law of our Church, and that their report is full and complete and shows the finances of our Board are in good shape. We heartily commend our Executive Staff for its wise and economical management of depleted funds whereby we are able to come to the end of the quadrennium with a balanced budget.

"We especially commend our Business Manager for the high compliment paid him by the Auditors. We commend our Investment Committee for its wise management of our invested funds."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

A Committee on Legislation, composed of Edwin D. Mouzon, John M. Moore, Paul B. Kern, Ed F. Cook, J. L. Decell, H. N. Snyder, and L. H. Estes, was appointed by the Board at its annual meeting in 1933 to work with the Executive Staff and representatives of the Educational Council in the preparation of legislation to be proposed to the General Conference of 1934. This committee presented its report consisting of a resolution to harmonize all educational legislation, a proposed memorial on changes in Chapter XIII of the 1930 Discipline, and a proposed memorial on "sundry

revisions of the Discipline relating to Christian education." The proposed changes in the Discipline were considered item by item, discussed at length, modified in some instances, and finally adopted as memorials to be presented to the General Conference. The consideration of the report of this committee consumed a large part of the two days' meeting. The final result of all this work is reflected in the 1934 Discipline and need not be included here.*

TRUSTEES OF OUR COLLEGES

The question as to who should nominate trustees for our colleges was raised and, after some discussion, a motion prevailed that "It is the sense of this body that trustees for our colleges shall be nominated by the Annual Conference Board of Christian Education unless otherwise provided for in their charter."

CONFIRMATION OF TRUSTEES

The following were confirmed as trustees of Southern Methodist University: Rev. W. Angie Smith, Louisiana Conference; Rev. W. W. Ward and Judge John E. Hickman, Central Texas Conference.

Rev. Peter Stokes of the South Carolina Conference was confirmed as a trustee of Emory University.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LOCAL CHURCH

The following report was presented and adopted item by item:

"We, your Committee on the Local Church, submit the following report: In the absence of the Chairman, the Right Reverend Hoyt M. Dobbs, Dr. J. Q. Schisler, Secretary of the Department, called the Committee to order at 3:15 P.M. Mrs. French Craddock was elected chairman pro tempore. Dr. Clem Baker led in prayer and the following items were adopted:

"(1) Those sections of the reports of the General Secretary, the Editorial Secretary, and the Secretaries of Departments, and the assistants in the various departments referred to this Committee were received and ordered printed in the Yearbook.

"(2) A memorial regarding the change of the age-limits for membership in the Annual Conference was amended to read '21 years of age, and six years a member of the Church next preceding.' The committee recommends concurrence.

"(3) A resolution was adopted calling for a memorial to the General Conference as follows:

"That the General Conference on nomination of the College of Bishops shall elect a Commission on Revision of the Ritual with particular reference to those sections dealing with the baptism of infants,

* *Christian Education Magazine*, May, 1934, contains an article on "Significant Educational Legislation, General Conference, 1934."

children and youth, and the reception of children and youth into the Church. The Commission to be composed of one Bishop, four elders, and four lay members of the Church, two of whom shall be workers with children and to be nominated to the College of Bishops by the General Board of Christian Education. The Commission to publish its suggested revision a sufficient time in advance of the session of the next General Conference to allow for study on the part of the Church.'

"(4) The Committee expressed its interest in the request of the Lydia Patterson Institute and asked that the paper be referred to the Joint Committee on Co-operation and Counsel of the Board of Missions and the General Board of Christian Education at its first meeting in the new quadrennium.

"A rising vote of thanks was given the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church and the members of his staff for their many courtesies to the committee during the quadrennium, and for the zeal, earnestness, and industry with which they have attacked their problem and carried on."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

The report of this committee was adopted as follows:

"First: As we come to the close of the quadrennium we desire to express our deep appreciation of the remarkable service given by the Editorial Secretary, Dr. C. A. Bowen, and those associated with him in the Department. Beginning the quadrennium under difficulties, having to develop along new lines, meet new issues, they have succeeded admirably and have met every situation resourcefully. We commend especially the high quality maintained in our literature both as to content and form and especially we commend the strong emphasis in the literature on pertinent social questions such as temperance, world peace, industrial justice.

"Second: We commend the steps taken by the Editorial Department to supply our Spanish speaking peoples with adequate literature and we urge the continuance of this by consultation with workers in the field for such further developments as necessity indicates.

"Third: We recommend for Board action the consideration of the following:

a. That the Uniform Lessons Committee of the International Council of Religious Education be requested to revise the next cycle of outlines for International Uniform Lessons with the idea in mind of making this material more valuable in meeting the religious needs of young people and adults.

b. That the practice of issuing elective courses for adults in the *Adult Student* and reprinting them in booklet form be continued.

c. That the revision of the Church School Closely Graded Courses be approved.

d. That the outlines for Beginners Group Graded Lessons prepared by the International Council of Religious Education be approved for use by the General Board of Christian Education and that the publication of Beginner Group Lessons be authorized.

e. That the teachers and officers in the local church schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be urged to make use of the *Elementary Teacher* and *Church School Magazine*.

f. That every local church Board of Christian Education or whatever agency is used by local churches to secure literature and supplies for the church school be urged to supply *adequately* the literature needs of the schools for which they are responsible, according to the Disciplinary requirements and the program of the General Board of Christian Education."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

The report of this Committee was adopted as follows:

"The Committee on Schools and Colleges requests that approval be given by the General Board of Christian Education to the following items:

"1. *College Surveys*

"It is the judgment of the Committee that the fact-finding surveys of colleges which have been conducted in some half dozen states in the past two years should be extended to include all of the colleges throughout the Church. It is believed that the assembling of factual information such as is contained in these surveys will constitute a real service to the Church and that the information will provide a basis for needed improvements in our present college program.

"2. *Campus Spiritual Life Emphasis*

"The Committee on Schools and Colleges believes that it sees an opportunity of service along the line of promoting definite periods of spiritual life emphasis upon the campuses of the various schools of our Church. The tentative plan provides for the setting up of a special budget appropriation which will be used in sending to our various campuses selected men capable of making strong student appeals. It is proposed that under their leadership three or four-day periods of appropriate religious services would be conducted in the various student bodies.

"3. *Comprehensive Study of the Church's Total Training Program*

"The Committee on Schools and Colleges asks that the Board reaffirm its present policy of making, under General

Board direction and with the assistance of certain leaders from the colleges and from the field, a study of the religious training being done in:

- (a) Schools of Theology,
- (b) College Departments of Religion,
- (c) Conference courses of study,
- (d) Pastors' Schools,
- (e) Training program of the Board.

"4. Wesley Foundation Work

"The Committee asks indorsement of the various aspects of its Wesley Foundation program; namely, (a) Program of Student Religious Activities both on tax-supported and Church-related campuses; (b) Bible Chairs; (c) State and Church-wide Methodist Student Conferences. There is a growing feeling on the part of leaders in the field that the time is approaching when a Church-wide Conference of Methodist college students should be convened. The inspirational and training effects of such a gathering, it is believed, would be of inestimable value.

"5. Co-ordination of Correspondence Schools with the Department of Schools and Colleges

"It is requested that the Board indorse the co-ordination of correspondence work conducted by the Schools of Theology at Emory and at Southern Methodist University through the office of the Department of Schools and Colleges and that authority be given to make such a co-ordination effective as soon as a satisfactory plan can be matured.

"6. Efficiency Tests for Ministerial Candidates

"In the judgment of many the time is ripe for college departments of religion and schools of theology to begin the development and use of efficiency tests whereby some degree of selection may be exercised in giving guidance to and providing further training for ministerial candidates in our colleges and seminaries. It is believed, therefore, that the Department of Schools and Colleges should be asked to conduct a search for selective tests appropriate to this use and such tests together with recommendations concerning them be brought to the attention of the Board at a future meeting.

"7. Policy of Fewer, Stronger, and Only Strategically Located Schools

"Finally, the Committee asks a reaffirmation of the policy of fewer schools, stronger schools, and in every case strategically located schools. The findings of surveys thus far conducted and the trends in education and in economic conditions all seem to warrant such a policy. Schools which the Church is to maintain in the future must be stronger

than the Church's schools have been in the past; to meet this requirement the Church must, of necessity, limit its schools to such a number as it can and will support adequately."

RESOLUTION CONCERNING WAR

The following statement concerning war was adopted by the Board, to be presented to the General Conference as a memorial:

"The members of the Church of Jesus Christ should attempt to practice the principles of Jesus in all human relationships. War is destructive of human life, high moral values, international brotherhood and good will, property, social and economic values, and results in suffering and permanent disability to human beings. We believe that war is un-Christian.

"We, therefore, urge all ministers, educators, and other leaders of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, through the pulpit, the local church school, the classroom, and other available means, to present to our people the real facts concerning war, and to urge all Christians to use their influence against war.

"We urge citizens of our nation and of other nations to join us in our conviction that there is a higher order of patriotism than that expressed through glorification of the things of war and preparation for war. We believe in a more noble patriotism than that which concerns itself with selfish promotion of purely national ends without regard for brotherhood among nations and among all men. We believe that patriotism is best expressed through such love for country as will promote the universal coming of the Kingdom of God among men on earth and will shield the nations from war, destructive rivalries, and selfish activities.

"We call upon our government and upon the governments of the other nations of earth which solemnly promised through the Pact of Paris never again to resort to war as a national policy to reduce their armaments.

"We favor adherence to the World Court and participation in the League of Nations.

"We oppose military training in high schools, colleges, and universities and earnestly petition the government of the United States to cease supporting military training in civilian educational institutions.

"We petition the government of the United States to grant exemption from military service to members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who conscientiously object to war. Similarly, we petition all educational institutions which require military training to excuse from such training all students belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who conscientiously object to war."

W. E. H.

Annual Report of the General Secretary

To the Members of the General Board of Christian Education:

I

INTRODUCTION

THE closing year of the quadrennium has been the best of the four. Constructive suggestions from Church leaders have enabled the Board to revise and readjust its program of work so that more efficient service may be rendered to Annual Conferences, Districts, and Local Churches throughout the connection. Statements recently collated by the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church indicate that the Unified Plan is working well in all types of Churches. Letters from the field, articles sent to the Church press, and hundreds of personal testimonies all indicate that in the main the Church has accepted the new legislation and is seeking to adopt it to the needs of our people.

The salient features of this plan have been made effective in the organization of Local Church Boards, the correlation of the total educational program of the Local Church, the effecting of a closer relationship between the Local Church and our Colleges and Universities and in the capitalization of all of the literature issued by the Board for the promotion of Christian Education. The plan has met with the hearty approval of Church leaders in all denominations and frequent requests are received for full information covering the Unified Plan under which we operate. There is no serious disposition so far as we know in any section of the Church to look backward. There is every indication that our people are ready to follow a consecrated and intelligent leadership and move forward to the conquest of the world.

II

DUTIES OF GENERAL OFFICE

Since Quadrennial Reports are being presented to the General Conference, the Executive Staff in this report is setting forth those points of progress which in a peculiar way mark the year 1933-34. The Discipline sets forth with clarity the duties of the General Secretary. It has been suggested that a detailed statement of these duties may be of interest. In harmony with Paragraph

377, it has been the policy to encourage each Departmental and Divisional Secretary to exercise the largest possible initiative and freedom in the promotion of his work. With this in mind the General Secretary has sought to meet with as many of the Committees as possible, and in every way has endeavored to understand the problems and purposes involved in the work of each member of the Staff. He has sought to carry out specifically the provisions of the Discipline, namely, "to serve as Chairman of the Executive Staff of the Board; to see that the work of the various Departments is properly co-ordinated; to take counsel with the Department Secretaries in regard to their respective Departments; to travel throughout the Church in the interest of the work of the Board (approximately 25,000 miles each year); annually to report to the Board and offer such recommendations in regard to the development and improvements of the work as may be deemed necessary." In every case changes in any of the Departments have been referred to that Department before being passed to the Board as a whole. Annual reports have been made to the Annual Conferences and a quadrennial report is being submitted to the General Conference. A condensed financial statement has been issued annually and such a statement is included in the quadrennial report.

The General Secretary has served on various Committees thus seeking to correlate the work of the Board, and has had the privilege of working in co-operation with Committees representing the International Council, the Council of Church Boards, the Liberal Arts College Movement and the Association of American Colleges. These agencies are working together with a view to greater efficiency and economy of administration.

The General Staff of the Board has worked in close co-operation, and the Department Secretaries have promoted the various features of work committed to them, and through Annual and District Conference officers have sought to carry this important program down to the last local Church throughout the connection.

In the consideration of the needs that press upon us, the Executive Staff is making definite recommendations to the General Board and to the General Conference. It is of supreme importance that ample provision be made for these needs. On a separate sheet which is being presented with the Quadrennial Report, specific attention is called to the reduction in service which has been made necessary in the work of the Local Church and in our Schools and Colleges. The opportunities are unlimited. Every effort should be made to promote this work as it relates to the Church at home and in the foreign fields.

The great advantage in the present organization is that

all of these needs are brought together and may be surveyed by the Board with a view to keeping a proper relationship and thus considering the whole field. It is of value that our publications are available not only for the Church School lessons and instructional literature, but these publications are being used to promote all of the various interests which are involved in Christian Education. It has been suggested that we should establish a Division of Research which would make careful study of proposed work in the field so as to evaluate the needs which are more urgent, and thus the General Office, through the Executive Staff, would be enabled to perfect the plan throughout the Church.

III

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

It is trite to say that education is at the center of the life of our people. It is the biggest business in the nation. Twenty-seven million people, or one-fourth of our population, are engaged in this enterprise. Two billion five hundred million dollars per annum are required to cover current expenses and billions of dollars are invested in property, endowment, and equipment for the education of the American people. In the consideration of these stupendous figures, it must be remembered that all education worthy the name has been inspired by religion. Great movements of history have been the outgrowth of the desire on the part of people for freedom of thought as well as of life. Eight of the nine first Colleges established in America were Church institutions. Practically all of the early educational work in this country was done by religious bodies and for religious ends. In the face of these facts, there is a disposition in certain quarters to discount education as fostered by the Church and Church institutions. Limitations of space forbid an adequate discussion of this important subject. Perhaps it is sufficient to say that Christian education as practiced in the home, the Church, and the Christian College stabilizes all forms of education and provides those moral and spiritual values which are essential to the maintenance of the social, economic, and international structure of the world. A few Church School officials imagine that if they could be freed from Church control they would launch out into a period of greater service and would command larger resources for their support. Let it be remembered that the men and women who have made possible great foundations and have made the largest contributions to the building of our Christian institutions have found their inspiration in the life and teachings of Jesus. Godless education threatens the world. Christian education faces the greatest opportunity in history.

IV

THE LOCAL CHURCH

The work of this Board is promoted through three Departments, each of which is closely integrated with the others. Seminar studies conducted at Lake Junaluska and Mount Sequoyah have covered various phases of work and the results of these studies have served to guide and stimulate the interest of our people in the Local Church and our institutions of learning. An Educational Conference was held at Lake Junaluska and a Discussion Conference at Mount Sequoyah during the summer of 1933. The attendance was altogether satisfactory, and the influence of these Conferences has been felt throughout the Church.

Through the Divisions of Children's Work, Young People's Work, and Adult Work progress has been made and the General Staff has moved in close co-operation with the Conference and District Staff officers. Statistics as set forth in the reports of the Departmental and Divisional Secretaries show that remarkable results have been secured and that in spite of reduced financial income these officials have accepted heavier responsibilities and have called to their aid volunteer workers to meet particular emergencies.

The Young People's Division has been particularly concerned with the reorganization of the total program for all the young people in the Local Church. This program is meeting the needs of our young life in a way that was impossible under the old plan where several organizations were making an appeal for the support and co-operation of the young people. This Division undertakes to reach all of the young people of a local congregation in a morning Church School hour and the same group of young people with a worship service through the Epworth League evening hour. Camps have been conducted, field work has been promoted, and the Division has co-operated in every way possible with the general program of the Church. The Adult Division through organized classes is seeking to mobilize our entire adult membership for more effective service. One phase of work in this Division which has suffered by reason of decreased income has been the promotion of Bible Conferences. This work should be emphasized and continued. As never before the Adult members of the Church are called to co-operate in the work of the Church School, and thus by example as well as precept to lead the children and young people to accept and practice the teachings of Christ.

The work of the Divisions of School Administration, Extension and Missionary Education, Leadership Training, Parent Education and Home Co-operation are fully covered in the reports of the Division Secretaries. Particular refer-

ence should be made here to the fact that the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise is one fund of the Church which has not suffered greatly by reason of economic conditions. Through this enterprise all of the age groups of the Church contribute to a great missionary special and all of the members of the Church School engage in definite missionary study which creates permanent and intelligent interest in the work of Christian missions. During the past year the sum of \$185,633 has been contributed to the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise. This amount of money maintains the extension program in the Annual Conferences, strengthens the work of education in the weaker Conferences, and provides literature and workers in the various foreign fields of the Church. The experience of this Board with this particular enterprise proves that when people are properly informed concerning the work of the Kingdom they are willing to contribute both time and money.

V

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

The Department of Schools and Colleges is rendering a greatly needed service to our Universities, Colleges, and Schools and is working in close co-operation with the Local Church and Editorial Departments in the promotion of all phases of the program of the Board. Surveys have been conducted by the Division of Promotion and on the basis of these surveys College mergers have taken place in various sections of the Church. The Wesley Foundation work is reaching a large number of Methodist students in tax-supported institutions and thus is rendering a vital service. This Department is responsible for Pastors' Schools, Correspondence Courses conducted for young preachers, and during this quadrennium has been working in co-operation with the General Conference Commission which has been revising the courses of study for preachers. The New Course of Study will be presented to the General Conference and following the Disciplinary requirement will provide suggestive plans of study not only for candidates for the ministry but for those who are in regular service. Thus the principle of continuous study and development through life will be emphasized and all of our preachers will be encouraged to make the best use of their talents and opportunities.

VI

PUBLICATIONS

Our publications have met with merited favor throughout the connection. Every effort is being made to understand and meet the needs of the people. Recently the Editorial Secretary sent out a questionnaire to a large number of our

preachers seeking information as to the use that is being made of our Sunday School periodicals and asking for suggestions as to how these periodicals can be better adapted to the needs of our age groups. The response to this questionnaire has been most encouraging and many constructive suggestions are being considered by the Editorial Department. Considerable time is required for such proposals and suggestions to be worked out in the literature of the Board. However, many changes have been effected and others will be made as the needs of our people are rightly understood and interpreted.

This Department is making a splendid contribution through its literature to the celebration of the Sesquicentennial of American Methodism. Articles on various phases of Methodist polity and history are being printed in these publications. As a result of these studies we believe that we will have a stronger and a more loyal Methodism. This Department also emphasizes the great social and economic needs of the people and is seeking to make a vital contribution to the building of the social kingdom of righteousness and to the promotion of peace and good-will throughout the world. Particular effort has been made to build sentiment against lynching, intemperance, lawlessness, and that type of propaganda which creates unrest and suspicion, and ultimately leads to war among the nations. Within recent weeks the circulation of these publications has shown a large increase and we believe that our people are becoming more and more appreciative of the work being done.

VII

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

At the beginning of this quadrennium, the Executive Staff in conference with the Executive Committee fixed a definite purpose to come to the close of this quadrennium without a deficit. All expenses of administration, service, and promotion have been cut to the quick, salaries have been twice reduced, the personnel of the General Staff has been decreased by twenty-five, appropriations have been reduced to the minimum, and we have been unable properly to promote Schools, Bible Conferences, and general field service throughout the Church. The Wesley Foundation Work and appropriations to Departments of Religion and our Schools of Theology have been radically reduced. Particular reference should be made to our Schools of Theology at Duke, Emory, and Southern Methodist Universities. The amount of money actually paid to our Schools of Theology was \$52,660.43 in 1929-30 and \$33,481.63 for 1933-34, a decrease of \$19,178.80. The figures show that this Board is now operating on an income of approximately \$180,000 per annum less than was that of the old Boards at the close of

the quadrennium. This amount covers not only salaries and overhead expense, but all appropriations to Schools, Colleges, and other phases of work. Through careful management an inherited indebtedness of \$46,000 has been removed and we come to the new quadrennium with a balanced budget. With these depleted resources we have sought to make the wisest possible use of the funds that have come into our hands. The auditor's report recently submitted carries this sentence, "I wish to commend your Accounting Office for the very splendid manner in which the financial records are kept."

VIII

COMMITTEE ON CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM

In the Committee on Curriculum and Program the entire Staff and the Publishing Agents meet for the consideration of matters of common and general interest. This Committee is divided into a number of smaller groups which study various phases of the work and report periodically to the General Committee. By this means all of those who are responsible for the unified program of Christian Education are brought together at least four times a year in a conference lasting from two to three days, where the total program is studied and every vital interest is considered.

IX

OUR BASIC NEED

The Conference Boards and Staff officers have given fine co-operation to the General Board in the prosecution of this task. These Conference officers have gone through heat and cold during all seasons of the year, sometimes at the risk of life itself, to promote the great interests of the Kingdom. These officials serve to co-ordinate all of the interests of Christian Education in an Annual Conference and to promote plans and programs that meet the needs of Local Churches and Districts throughout the connection. We register here our sincere appreciation of these Christian workers who are sharing with Christ his passion for the redemption of the people.

We call attention to a clip sheet in the quadrennial report to the General Conference the title of which is "Christian Education and the Church of Tomorrow." In this statement we undertake to set forth the pressing needs of the Board and to emphasize the importance of large financial support on the part of the Church. In a recent audience with President Roosevelt, Dr. E. Stanley Jones said: "Mr. President, you are working upon the outer structure of society. You are seeking to rebuild the social, economic, and industrial life of our people. We of the Church are working upon the heart life, the spiritual morale of our people. If we fail

you fail." If Christian Education fails then all of the interests of the Church will fail. Upon it are dependent missions, evangelism, Church extension, the support of superannuates, and all other interests of the Kingdom. While not depreciating other issues that may be considered by the General Conference, we insist that the program of Christian education is at the center of our life and demands the largest and most intelligent consideration which the best thought of this General Conference can give. In this sheet we have set forth the decrease in program, the particular interests which have been neglected and the handicaps that have marked our work, all of which could have been relieved with larger financial resources. It is our desire that every interest of the Church shall be served, that no enterprise shall be neglected, but we do believe that Christian education undergirds the total program of the Church. For these and other reasons we call upon this Board, and all who are intelligently alert to the urgent demands of this hour to give careful consideration to plans for the further promotion of this important interest of the Church.

X

APPRECIATION

It is my pleasure to express high appreciation for the splendid co-operation and support that has been given this entire program by the General Staff and the General Board. The work with the Executive Staff, which has been constant and intimate, has been profitable and inspiring. Difficulties have been overcome, problems have been solved and the Staff has moved forward in perfect harmony and with the one desire to serve the Church and promote the Kingdom of Christ. The same spirit has prompted the work of the Executive Committee and the various Inter-Board Committees which have faced the delicate and difficult question of relationships and are moving together in the effort to avoid duplication and overlapping. The Publishing Agents have co-operated intelligently and cordially in the work of the Board and have made valuable contributions to the success of our program. We rejoice in the service that we have been privileged to render and we acknowledge that in all of this work God has been our guide and to Him we offer our sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. Quillian

General Secretary.

Report of the Secretary of the Editorial Department

To the General Secretary and the Members of the General Board of Christian Education:

The final year of the first quadrennium of its history marks continued progress on the part of the Editorial Department of the General Board of Christian Education. Due to the fine relationship between the other Departments of the General Board on the one hand and the Publishing Agents on the other, the creation of the curriculum materials of the Board has proceeded without hindrance. The co-operation of Conference workers, pastors, and Christian education leaders in the local church with the Editorial Staff also furnishes another explanation of the results achieved. The members of the Staff of the Editorial Department merit the highest praise for their ability, skill, and self-sacrificing devotion to the work assigned to them.

Circulation

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS

	January and First Quarter 1933	January and First Quarter 1934	Gain	Loss	Per Cent
Church School Magazine.	61,175	59,750	.....	1,425	2.33
Adult Student.....	228,276	220,875	.....	7,401	3.24
Epworth Highroad.....	75,002	74,500	.....	502	.67
Boys and Girls.....	69,771	71,175	1,404	.....	2.02
Elementary Teacher....	25,459	26,100	641	.....	2.52
Senior Quarterly.....	331,549	369,500	37,951	.....	11.44
Home Quarterly.....	42,402	38,000	.....	4,402	10.38
Intermediate Quarterly..	142,707	157,000	14,293	.....	10.00
Junior Lessons.....	133,235	142,000	8,765	.....	6.57
Our Little People.....	81,242	81,000	.....	242	.29
Lesson Leaf.....	77,302	78,500	1,198	.....	1.55
Childhood Guidance....	3,536	3,250	.....	286	8.09
Haversack.....	65,710	61,200	.....	4,510	6.86
Torchbearer.....	49,893	47,000	.....	2,893	5.79
Olivet Picture Cards....	55,470	56,750	1,280	.....	2.31
Pupil Lesson Stories....	393	393	.....	.....	.....
Bible Lesson Picture....	1,177	1,110	.....	67	5.69

Total Circulation Per

Issue.....	1,444,299	1,488,103	43,804	.....	3.03
			(Net Gain)		(Gain)

A Study of Methodism

For two years the Editorial Department has been carrying forward plans for making the periodicals issued during 1934, distinctly Methodist in tone and content, since this

year was to climax the observance of the Sesquicentennial of American Methodism. Many of these plans have already been brought to completion.

During the first three months of 1934 an adult elective course on "The Methodist Church: Its Message and Work" was released through the columns of the *Adult Student* and the *Church School Magazine*. This course has since been reprinted. In connection with the Uniform Lesson treatments in the *Adult Student* a special feature is being carried called "The Lesson in Methodist Literature." The current periodicals bear a strong Methodist emphasis both in form and content.

Later on in 1934, another elective course for adults entitled "Characters and Events in Methodist History" will be published in the *Adult Student*. The *Epworth Highroad* will contain a course dealing with the history of Methodism for seniors and young people. Fellowship Programs for young adults, Epworth League programs for intermediates and seniors, Group Graded Lessons, illustrations, fiction, and special features—all will carry to the people of Southern Methodism material which demonstrates the importance and the challenge of our great Church.

Elective Courses for Adults

By the end of 1934 nine elective courses for adults will have been published in the *Adult Student* with leader's helps in the *Church School Magazine*. Reports from local churches indicate that these courses have met a real need. They are being used by hundreds of classes. Over a year ago the course entitled "Parents as Teachers of Christian Living," by White, was reprinted. Within the last two months four other courses have been reprinted, as follows: "Winning Persons for Christ," by O. E. Goddard, "Christian Principles of Making and Using Money," by R. L. Ownbey, "The Methodist Church: Its Message and Work," by Gilbert T. Rowe, and "Christian Ideals and Practices in Business," by O. L. Simpson. These electives are now available at fifteen cents a copy.

Number and Cost of Periodicals

Much interest has been manifested in a comparative study of the cost and number of church school periodicals issued by the leading Protestant churches and by independent publishing houses of America. It was demonstrated that the literature needs of church schools could be completely met by fewer periodicals in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, than in any other denomination. It was shown further that the cost of our periodicals was much less than those issued by any other publishing house.

On an average, a church school can supply its teachers

and pupils with all the literature needed for three cents a Sunday per person. This is only a fraction of the cost of the Sunday paper or the periodicals which crowd their way into the homes of the Church. The duty of local churches to furnish the homes of their constituencies with the necessary church school literature must be emphasized with greater force than heretofore if the reading interests of our people are to be captured by the Church.

The Literature and the Church College

Further progress has been made in the direction of making the literature of the General Board of Christian Education of use to the colleges of the Church. Reports from the librarians of these institutions show that the copies of the *Epworth Highroad*, furnished free of charge, upon request, to all our colleges, are in great demand by the students. The *Epworth Highroad* is also used in promoting the religious activities of the campuses to which it goes. Our elective courses are being used with student groups. College classes in religious education study the literature critically both with the idea of making future use of it in local church situations and of aiding the Editorial Department in its improvement.

The promotion of College Day and of the quarterly college emphasis in local churches is carried on through the literature of the Board. Expressions of satisfaction over the developments just mentioned have come from college presidents and other officials all over the Church.

Revisions in Process

It has been seven years since the first of the Church School Closely Graded Courses were released. The time has come for them to be slightly revised. The revisions now being undertaken have to do mostly with the strengthening of the temperance lessons and with showing the teachers how the large amount of Bible carried in the courses may be used vitally.

Complaints have been reaching the Editorial Department for several years against the monotony of the outlines from which the Uniform Lessons have been prepared. Large parts of the Bible best suited to the needs of adults are never used. The members of the General Board Staff who serve on the International Uniform Lessons Committee are seeking to have the Uniform Lessons Outlines so revised as to remedy the defect which has just been noted. It is possible that such revisions may be begun within the next few months.

Church Membership Materials

The results of long months of work on certain materials to be used by pastors and teachers to prepare children for

church membership has taken form. There has been prepared a folder entitled "Your Church and You" for use by the child and a certificate of reception into the Church. A booklet for use by pastors and teachers is in process of preparation.

Beginner Group Lessons

The Committee on International Group Graded Lessons of which the Secretary of the Editorial Department is Chairman, created outlines for Beginner Group Lessons which were approved by the International Council of Religious Education in February, 1934. The Editorial Department is now ready to proceed with the production of lesson material based on these outlines. It will be possible to release the new Beginner Group Lessons in October, 1935.

Materials for Vacation Church Schools

Four new vacation church school courses have been issued by the Editorial Department working in co-operation with the Interdenominational Committee of Nine appointed by the International Council of Religious Education to serve the various denominations in this capacity. The following materials are available for use in vacation church schools during 1934.

For Beginner's Groups (4 and 5 years old) :

Our Happy World, by Esther Freivogel.

For Primary Groups (6, 7, and 8 years old) :

Children of One Father, by Jaunita Ray Kent. Envelope of materials (pictures and drawings) for use with this unit.

Learning About Our Church, by Ellen Fraser.

Guiding Religious Growth, by Marie McDonald.

Unit I, "How We Get Our Food"; Unit II, "Shepherd Life in Bible Times."

Learning to Know God Better, by Elizabeth McE. Shields.

For Junior Groups (9, 10, and 11 years old) :

How Nations Share, by Edith Kent Battle. Envelope of materials (pictures and map) for use with this unit.

The Land Where Jesus Lived, by Barnett Spratt. Envelope of materials (map, pictures, and tests) for use with this unit.

Friends at Work, by Elsie Ball.

Chinese Gateways, by Sadie Mai Wilson.

What Do You Know About China? by Sadie Mai Wilson.

For Intermediate Groups (12, 13, and 14 years old) :

Our Church, by Lobingier.

Teacher's Book.

Pupil's Book.

Envelope of materials for use with this unit.

How Far to the Nearest Doctor? by Dodd. For the pupil.

Christianity and the Health of This World. For the teacher.

Envelope of materials for use with this unit.

The Kingdom of Love, by Blanche Carrier.

Teacher's book.

Pupil's book.

Discovering God in the Beautiful, by Nathana L. Clyde.

Helps for Nursery Workers

Due to the fact that nursery pupils are too small to use printed materials, none are issued for them by the General Board. In order to aid local church schools to economize in their materials special helps for nursery workers are carried in the *Elementary Teacher*. This makes it unnecessary for them to purchase teacher's manuals as is required by some of the other denominations. However, when nursery workers desire the more costly materials, lessons approved by the Board may be secured from our Publishing House.

Training Texts

The following training texts have been issued by the Publishing House since the last meeting of the General Board of Christian Education:

Standard Leadership Curriculum Texts.

The Prophets of Israel, by Costen J. Harrell.

The World Mission of the Christian Religion, by Wade Crawford Barclay.

Cokesbury Training Course Texts.

The Small Church at Work for Children, by Freddie Henry.

The following texts published by the Leadership Training Publishing Association in co-operation with the Board have been approved for use in training schools:

Religious Education in Your Church, by H. C. Munro.

Young People and Their Leaders, by H. T. Stock.

Junior Department in the Church School, by Una Riddick Smith.

It has not been possible to publish a most valuable manuscript on the *Acts of the Apostles*, by Dr. Andrew Sledd, because of the financial pressure under which the Publishing House has been operating. A manuscript by Dr. E. B. Chappell on *Some Recent Developments in Religious Education in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South*, is now being prepared for publication. It is a most valuable treatise on this subject and will be made available to our constituency as soon as possible. Dr. Chappell is also at work

revising *What Every Methodist Should Know*, which was written some years ago by the late Dr. George R. Stuart. This book will be of real service as a text for use in the Cokesbury Training Course.

Programs for Special Days

The following programs have been issued in pamphlet form for use on Sunday School Day and Young People's Day in 1934:

Challenges from the Past, by Noreen Dunn. (Sunday School Day.)

A Million Jobs Awaiting, by Louis Wilson. (Young People's Day.)

The Sunday School Day program is intended to help local churches discover their own achievements in the field of religious education and to learn of the progress of Christian education in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The program for Young People's Day deals with the question of finding a Christian solution of the problem of unemployment faced by so many young people today. In addition to the pamphlet program, the *Church School Magazine* for April, 1934, carried a pageant dealing with events in Methodist history for use on Sunday School Day. A Christmas pageant was carried in the November, 1933, *Church School Magazine*. The periodicals have also carried a large amount of promotional material dealing with College Day, Childhood and Youth Week, and Epworth Highroad Night.

Co-operation with the Colored Methodist Church

As requested the plates for several of our periodicals have been furnished free of charge to the publishing house of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church at Atlanta, Ga. It has also been the privilege of the Editorial Department to open the columns of our periodicals to the material used in the recent campaign in behalf of Paine College, Augusta, Ga. A free supply of certain of our publications has also been presented to the library of Paine College.

Lesson Materials in Spanish

At the present time the old International Graded Lessons in Spanish are being handled by our Publishing House for use in Cuba, Mexico, and the Spanish-speaking countries of South America. Our periodicals which carry Primary and Junior Group Graded Lessons are being furnished Rev. S. A. Neblett of Cuba for translation into Spanish to be used in Cuba and on the Mexican border.

Within the last two years plans have been put into operation whereby new group graded lessons are being produced by the General Board of Missions and the General Board of

Christian Education co-operating with other Protestant denominations at work in Spanish-speaking countries. This co-operation is being carried on through the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America. Our part of this enterprise is being supported from funds derived from the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise. The Department of the Local Church and the Editorial Department are working together in the effort to help the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America to produce this material. The first course for primaries and the first course for juniors is to be released during the current year.

Use of the Bible

In the revision of the Church School Closely Graded Courses already referred to, a statement is being inserted in the various teacher's manuals indicating the large amount of Biblical material to be used in each course and suggesting how vital use can be made of the passages treated. It is necessary that every possible aid be furnished the teachers of these courses so that the rich scriptural content will be effectively used by the classes from year to year.

The Group Graded Lessons used in the children's and young people's divisions of our smaller churches are similarly rich in scriptural material. A pupil passing through the primary, junior, intermediate, and senior courses and then into the adult classes where Uniform Lessons are used, will, under proper guidance, have the opportunity to make the acquaintance of something like two-thirds of all the material in the Bible.

The fact is well understood that our teachers need assistance in the matter of appreciating the Bible itself and in helping their pupils to make the best possible use of God's Word. For this reason special emphasis is being placed on the intelligent use of the Bible in training courses, teachers' helps, and articles appearing in our publications.

A New Literature Pamphlet

In January, 1934, the page proofs of the pamphlet entitled "The Church School Literature of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," was sent to all our pastors. A covering letter requested criticisms on the pamphlet itself and the various types of literature being used in our local churches. The hundreds of replies received from pastors in the different types of our church school situations indicated wide approval of the literature of the General Board and deep interest on the part of our pastors in its improvement and effective use. In the light of the suggestions received, the literature pamphlet has been revised and published and is now in circulation throughout the Church. Fifteen thou-

sand copies were ordered before the pamphlet was off the press.

The Demands of Increased Leisure

Developments within the last few years have placed upon the people of America the responsibility for the right use of greatly increased leisure time. That this opportunity is being grasped readily by various agencies of exploitation is fully understood by keen observers. Certainly the Church cannot fail to help its constituency to develop reading tastes which conform to the requirements of Christianity. This means that we must emphasize the importance of our story papers and of cultural periodicals. If Jesus Christ is to captivate the imagination of this generation, the Church must provide a literature attractive enough to capture the interests of children, young people, and adults today. The tendency to economize at the cost of our cultural publications must be offset by an appeal to local church leaders everywhere to aid in solving the problem of leisure time so suddenly thrust upon the people of our nation.

Use of Professional Magazines

When difficulty with the lesson material is reported to the Editorial Department, it is usually discovered that the teachers concerned are not being supplied with the *Elementary Teacher* and the *Church School Magazine*. Such economy as this on the part of local churches is costly indeed. It is all but impossible for the most effective teaching to be carried on if the teachers of the church schools are not furnished these periodicals. All the officers of the church school should make constant use of the *Church School Magazine* since it carries the very latest announcements of the different departments of the General Board as well as materials designed to meet the specific needs of church school officers.

There are those who think that the profession of parenthood is the most important of all. If this be true, *Childhood Guidance for Christian Living* should be made available to all parents of small children in the local church as well as to officers and teachers in the children's division. Not only should the officers, teachers, and parents of the local church be adequately furnished for their work, but help should be given continually looking to the effective use of the publications of the church school.

Recommendations

The following recommendations are submitted herewith for your consideration:

1. That the Uniform Lessons Committee of the International Council of Religious Education be requested to revise the next cycle of outlines for International Uniform Lessons with the idea in mind of making this material more valuable in meeting the religious needs of young people and adults.

2. That the practice of issuing elective courses for adults in the *Adult Student* and reprinting them in booklet form be continued.

3. That the revision of the Church School Closely Graded Courses be approved.

4. That the outlines for Beginner Group Graded Lessons prepared by the International Council of Religious Education be approved for use by the General Board of Christian Education and that the publication of Beginner Group Lessons be authorized.

5. That teachers and officers in the local church schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be urged to make use of the *Elementary Teacher* and the *Church School Magazine*.

6. That every local church Board of Christian Education or whatever agency is used by local churches to secure literature and supplies for the church school be urged to supply adequately the literature needs of the schools for which they are responsible.

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. Bowen
Secretary.

Annual Report of the Department of Schools and Colleges

To the General Secretary and the Members of the General Board of
Christian Education:

I

THE STATUS OF OUR COLLEGES

At the present time the General Board of Christian Education has 54 universities, colleges, and schools under its supervision. In 1930 there were 71. The present value of these institutions is \$103,837,728. They were valued in 1930 at \$96,301,098. The present indebtedness is \$6,342,772. The indebtedness in 1930 was \$5,485,825. Their enrolment at the present time is slightly under 24,000. In 1930 the enrolment was above 31,000. The total income in 1930 was \$7,100,389, as compared to the present annual income of \$7,071,232.

Taking these facts at their face value, and also taking into consideration the serious financial reverses of the last four years, these figures furnish reasonable grounds for confidence in our present college program. It is true that the indebtedness has grown from \$5,485,825 to \$6,342,772 during the quadrennium, but at the same time the assets have increased by \$7,536,630. The decrease of 17 in the number of schools is not to be taken too seriously. In most cases their passing could be looked upon as a forward, and not a backward step, in the development of our educational program. The application of a wise educational policy undoubtedly would mean the passing of others of the 54 that now remain, before the end of another quadrennium. The decrease in the number of students enrolled is one of the most serious problems. But this, also, should not be taken too seriously, when we remember that 17 of our schools have closed and that the urge to go to college is not quite so strong and the funds for college expenses are not quite so adequate as was the case four years ago.

The colleges, however, do face some serious problems.

1. With their heavy expenses, the increasing difficulty which they face in securing adequate funds, and in some instances their pressing indebtedness, they are finding it difficult to take care of their maturing obligations and to balance their annual budgets.

2. Closely linked with this problem has been the inability of colleges to maintain faculty salaries at an adequate level.

In order to meet budget expenses many colleges have been compelled to ask their faculties to accept salary reductions which cannot be continued if satisfactory faculty service is to be realized. Some relief at this point must soon be found.

3. The pressure of accrediting agencies, which has been held somewhat in check for two or three years, is again being renewed. Our schools, therefore, which have been able to continue under a doubtful relationship to these agencies, or which have even ignored them entirely, must now face the importance of this relationship if they are to continue their work on an acceptable basis. It would seem that the next few years might be the most serious testing period for our colleges in this regard.

4. Perhaps the most serious problem faced by our colleges is the apparent lack of appreciation which the rank and file of our Methodist people have for them. It is not apparent that our people are appreciating our colleges less, but it is clear that when we consider the effective leadership which they are giving us in the field of Christian education, they are not receiving the undivided support of the Church which their importance merits. The Department is constantly at work in its efforts to remedy this situation.

II

THE YEAR'S PROGRAM

1. Pastors' Schools.

This work continues with unabated interest. Twelve Schools were held during the year, with the enrolments and credits received remaining about the same as for the year before. Already twelve Schools have been set up for the summer of 1934. In addition, the Department is placing courses designed specifically for pastors in four conference-wide Training Schools.

2. College Promotion.

At the present time this work embraces three distinct features, (a) the development of promotional literature in the form of Christian Education Magazine and the quarterly educational emphasis in the regular periodicals of the Board, (b) promoting college surveys, one having been completed in Texas, and another having been undertaken and finished in the Tennessee Conference, and (c) carrying forward the program of Life Service, or Guidance in Vocational Religious Work. (A more detailed statement of these activities will be found in Mr. McKeown's report which follows).

3. Student Religious Work.

This work covers four phases of activity, (a) promoting the work of our Wesley Foundations, (b) setting up and

supervising fifteen State-wide Methodist Student Conferences during the year, (c) carrying forward a recently developed program of leadership training for workers with college students, and (d) continuously promoting closer campus-local church relations in college communities where our Church is operating. (Dr. Brown's report which follows will carry a somewhat detailed statement of this work.)

4. New Courses of Study.

The Secretary of the Department has given considerable time during the year to the Commission on Courses of Study in its effort to complete its work by the time of the General Conference. These courses have practically been finished and will be carried in the new Discipline of 1934. It has been the aim of the Commission to adapt these courses in the most helpful way to the conditions and needs faced by the preachers of the Church at the present time. In carrying out the instructions of the General Conference (See Par. 410 of the 1930 Discipline) the Commission has introduced several new features: (a) The requirements for admission on trial have been somewhat strengthened. (b) A group of "literary subject" has been provided for those who have not met the standard requirements of two years of college work. It is provided, also, that these courses must be taken in one of the Correspondence Schools or one of the standard Pastors' Schools of the Church. (c) It is provided, further, that certain books shall be read in connection with those courses which are to be taken by examination each year. (d) B.D. graduates are to prepare theses in four different areas of Methodist emphasis, these theses to be worked out under the direction of the "Committee on Correspondence Schools" which the General Board is asking the General Conference to create. (e) Reading courses are to be recommended at stated intervals for all preachers of the Church who have finished their undergraduate studies.

It is being proposed in the new legislation that for the future the Commission on Courses of Study shall give advice and counsel concerning courses to be offered in the Pastors' Schools.

5. College Cultivation.

During the year the Secretary of the Department gave ten days to Central College and the Conferences of Missouri in a series of "Educational Retreats" projected by the college. These retreats were promotional gatherings in the interest of Central College. No offerings were taken, but arrangements were perfected for taking the annual College Day offering later. The attendance at these gatherings was made up of presiding elders, pastors, friends, and patrons of the college, and it averaged between 200 and 300 for the twelve meetings held. Undoubtedly this service can

be developed into one of the best cultivation agencies which the college may project. Calls for service of this kind have come recently from Arkansas, Alabama, and Texas. It is being found that promotion of this type is resulting in, (a) an increasing interest in the colleges concerned, (b) the stimulation of student enrolment, and (c) a larger number of special contributors to the college budget.

6. Field Service.

This is a service carried on by the staff continuously throughout the year. It consists of (a) visits to college campuses by members of the staff, (b) co-operation in the training and assembly programs of the General Board, (c) sharing in the program of Annual Conference visitation, (d) the offering of courses designed specifically for religious leaders of college students, and (e) responses to invitations for sermons, addresses, and conferences of various types.

Perhaps at no point has the program of the Department experienced more pronounced growth, or been more cordially received, than in the matter of campus visitation. Through this service the staff is able to help in developing further our Departments of Religion, in offering suggestions in other phases of the program of our colleges, and in counseling with college students, both as groups and as individuals.

III

SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY

Our Schools of Theology at Emory and Southern Methodist Universities, under the control of the Church at large, and the School of Religion at Duke University, affiliated with North Carolina Methodism, are well organized and are rendering an increasingly valuable service. For the present year these seminaries have a combined enrolment of 355 students. There is strong reason for believing that both the Church and the young preachers coming into our conferences on trial are attaching more and more importance to thorough theological training for our ministerial leadership. Figures which were compiled in 1926, with 4,634 preachers throughout the Church reporting, show that 11% had received theological training and that 4% were theological graduates. Since 1930, of the preachers coming into our Annual Conferences on trial, 38% have attended seminary and about 23% are B.D. graduates. The seminaries, therefore, are carrying a heavier load than formerly. The askings of but \$80,000 a year in the general benevolences for this work, and the \$50,000 expectation in the Voluntary Kingdom Extension offering, have yielded such meager returns that our seminaries are facing serious financial problems. Better support for these agencies of ministerial training must be found.

IV CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOLS

This work is being carried on for our conference undergraduates in connection with our Schools of Theology at Emory and Southern Methodist Universities. This year there is a combined enrolment for correspondence courses in these Schools of 686. Beginning with the 1934 General Conference, the supervising agency of Correspondence Schools is expected to be "The Committee on Correspondence Schools" composed of the Deans of our two Schools of Theology, the two Directors of Correspondence Schools, which are being operated in connection with these seminaries, and the Secretary of the Department of Schools and Colleges of the General Board.

V STUDENTS' LOAN FUND

The amount of this fund at the present time is \$203,499. It is being handled by a carefully selected "Investment Committee" of the General Board. The earnings from the fund are allocated to the various colleges of the Church for the purpose of aiding worthy students whose cases fall within the terms of the foundation. The college where the prospective beneficiary is a student, makes the recommendation for the loan, but the Department of Schools and Colleges reserves the right to determine whether the loan shall be made, and the amount of the loan. During the year 139 students have been aided by loans aggregating 11,919. The Treasurer and Business Manager, Dr. W. E. Hogan, has so supervised the investments of the fund that it is yielding something over 5% annually on the fund's capital.

VI THE DEPARTMENT'S FINANCES

For the first time during the quadrennium, the Department comes to the end of a fiscal year without a deficit. At the beginning of the quadrennium the amount of the deficit and over-appropriation was over \$30,000. By rigid economies and careful planning the amount of this deficit was distributed over the quadrennium in such a way that the program has been carried forward with the least possible embarrassment. One year ago the deficit was \$8,850.25. The Department closes this fiscal year with a balance of more than \$6,000. If the income from benevolences for 1934-35 holds up to the level reached last year, it will be possible to take a decided forward step in our appropriations to Departments of Religion in our Colleges and to Wesley Foundation work, as well as to other phases of the Department's program. It is to be hoped that the General Board of Christian Education may not be penalized in its askings

for funds for the next quadrennium, because it actually lived within its income and came to the close of this quadrennium with its budget balanced.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

In this final annual report of the quadrennium, the Secretary of this Department wishes to record his high appreciation of the services rendered by the members of the Department staff. Miss Nina Smartt, Registrar of Pastors' Schools and office secretary, and Mrs. S. H. Guthrie, office secretary, have been with the staff during the four years and have shared in promoting the responsibilities of the Department in such a way as to merit our deepest gratitude. Mr. Boyd M. McKeown, Director of Promotion, came into the Department soon after the beginning of the quadrennium. His untiring service in the many phases of his work, has been of a highly superior quality. Dr. Harvey C. Brown, Director of the Wesley Foundation, came to the Department on September 1, 1933, and he is making for himself a place of the largest usefulness in the program being projected.

Also, it is a pleasure to record the high esteem in which the Staff of the Department holds the officers of the General Administrative Staff and the Secretaries and their Assistants in the other Departments of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Alexander

Secretary.

Annual Report of the Division of the Wesley Foundation

To the Secretary of the Department of Schools and Colleges:

General Statement

September 1, 1933, when I assumed responsibility for the work of this Division I found definitely articulated policies and procedures established by my predecessor, Dr. J. Marvin Culbreth, who had been the Director since the General Conference of 1922 authorized the work. I am indebted to those who preceded me for the splendid work done in pioneering the way. Whatever progress I may report this year is due largely to my colleagues in the Department and my predecessor.

When we refer to the Wesley Foundation work in our Church, the reference is not to a distinct separate organization with its charters and buildings, but rather to a move-

ment whose genius is to envision the totality of the religious life of college students and properly relate that life, with its group consciousness and intellectual difficulties, to a normal church experience. Organized college religion may meet a definite need of the student while in an unnatural situation; but the fact it is unnatural explains why it does not carry over into after life with the same degree of satisfaction as a local church-centered experience will do. Therefore, this Division conceives one of its missions to be the development of the closest possible college-local church relationship.

Since the General Conference authorized the Board of Christian Education to initiate a program of religious work for college and university students, the approach has been through the local church serving the campus.

First, through the pulpit of the local church. Our program stresses the requirement of an authentic, interpretative, and persuasive voice in the pulpit of the local church.

Second, through its pastoral ministry of the local church. We desire to supplement the service of the college church by the employment of a specially trained worker to do pastoral service, counseling and teaching religion among college students.

Third, through the organization of the college church. The student is encouraged to identify himself with the purpose, the causes, and the processes of the congregation so thoroughly that he will ever afterward feel himself a necessary part of the life and activity of the Church.

Aim and Effectiveness of our Wesley Foundation Organizations

At present we have thirty-two Wesley Foundation organizations operating in sixteen states with applications for one half as many more as soon as financial conditions will warrant. These represent a cause which embraces the needs of 75,000 Methodist students both in Church-related and tax-supported institutions. Much care has been exercised during the year in strengthening the program and organizational set-up of the Wesley Foundation. The necessity of the Campus-Local Church Relations Committee has been emphasized. The functions of this Committee are:

1. To determine the larger phases of Campus-Local Church relationships.

2. To advise with and give expression to new policies and procedures regarding programs and activities through the Christian Student Committee or Council.

The functions of the Christian Student Committee may be stated as follows:

1. To help adapt the program of the local church to the

needs of college students and to help students relate themselves vitally to the local church.

2. To help enrich and promote campus religious life and to help the local church meet its responsibility for college students.

3. To aid in unifying all religious interests of college students so that every religious agency will count for the utmost in the total program.

It is urgent that we resume work at those points where work has been discontinued; and to strengthen many places where the program has been considerably reduced. Much credit is due those workers who have carried on under tremendous handicaps. In spite of discouragement the work has gone forward during the year with increasing satisfaction and success.

Promotion

The Wesley Foundation work has been promoted with encouraging success. Training courses given in our Leadership Schools at Mount Sequoyah and at Lake Junaluska to our college young people and to student workers have been received with encouragement to the Division.

This service is being carried to many others through our Standard Training Schools and special classes on college campus and in local churches serving college situations. It has been necessary, due to an increased number of requests, to make special provisions for this service to leaders and students.

Due to requests on the part of many field workers arrangements for an Associate Council of Wesley Foundation workers and student officers in the General Educational Council has become necessary.

In spite of being new at the task and having increased duties in the office, I have carried on considerable field work. Conferences with young people's Cabinets, Student workers and Local Church representatives, and private interviews with students have made my visits to campuses tremendously challenging and I believe in most cases worth while.

State-wide Methodist Conferences

Keeping before us the great need for an adequate expressional life for our college young folk the Division of the Wesley Foundation has provided the State-wide Methodist Student Conference. A total of fifteen conferences were held during the year. One of this number, the Tennessee Conference, was a co-operative enterprise with the Christian Association.

One cannot speak too highly of the value of these Conferences. They are fitting into our total campus-church pro-

gram in an admirable way. These Conferences have been projected with the following aims clearly before us:

- (1) Inspiration and fellowship;
- (2) Counsel in student religious problems;
- (3) Creating and promoting loyalties to organized Christianity as expressed in our local churches;
- (4) Giving student leaders some practical help in organizing their religious work around their local churches in their college communities. So successful has the emphasis been that many expressions of appreciation have come from students and campus leaders with regard to a further expansion of these programs.

Relationships

We have exercised special care during the year to more clearly define the relationships of our student organization and program. While the General Board of Christian Education fosters and promotes the Wesley Foundation, it is also true that there is a very distinct relationship to the Conference and local Church Boards of Christian Education. That relationship is more clearly defined and accepted today than ever before.

Our program and organization maintains a practical co-operative relationship with other student organizations both in campus enterprises and in state and summer conference programs and activities.

My experiences since September First increases my conviction that perhaps the most strategic place for an effectual program of Christian Education in our great Church is on our college campuses. With a leakage here we lose our leadership upon whom the Church of tomorrow must depend.

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY C. BROWN, *Director*.

Annual Report of the Division of Promotion

To the Secretary of the Department of Schools and Colleges:

General Statement

As stated in previous reports the Division of Promotion is designed to further a better understanding between local church and church college and to encourage a greater mutual appreciation of the services each of these institutions renders to the other. Toward the accomplishment of these ends a more or less constant line of general promotion is carried on and in addition certain periods of specific educational cultivation, such as the quarterly emphasis on Church Schools and Colleges and our annual College Day, are sponsored each year.

The promotional efforts of the past year, together with other activities in which the Division has been engaged, are reported below.

General Promotion—Christian Education Magazine

The program of general promotion has been limited to the issuance of *Christian Education Magazine*, financial limitations having precluded the printing of any new pamphlets or leaflets for distribution and having rendered impossible any other promotional efforts of a general nature. Partly for financial reasons the July *Magazine* each year during the quadrennium has been a General Board Yearbook Number. Furthermore, shortage in funds prevented publication of the regular November, 1933, number; thus during the past twelve months only four instead of six promotional issues have appeared.

In line with what seem to be some of the pressing needs of the day, the *Magazine* has temporarily abandoned its policy of featuring one of our stronger colleges in each number and has been devoting its various issues of late to the presentation of certain vital subjects and causes. Thus in January, College Surveys and General Promotion were featured; in March, Theological Education and our Theological Schools were stressed; and in the forthcoming May number the central theme of the *Magazine* will be College Day.

The mailing list of the *Magazine* includes college faculty members, college trustees, and groups of selected laymen, and it has recently been expanded to include all the pastors of the connection, instead of merely selected lists from each Conference. This brings the total list to nearly 12,000.

Quarterly Emphasis on Church Schools and Colleges

Due to the somewhat unusual occurrence of five fifth Sundays in the year 1933, it was possible to call the colleges of our Church to the attention of the constituency of our local churches more often than is ordinarily the case. This promotion was and continues to be carried on through special articles assembled by this Division and used by the editors of the various general periodicals of the Church in their issues just preceding the fifth Sunday. Since this quarterly emphasis is designed to be observed in the Sunday School rather than at the preaching service a suggested worship service for use in this connection is also made available as a part of the material for use in the *Church School Magazine*.

Special Promotion of Theological Schools and Theological Education

In March and April, 1934, an effort was made through the regular quarterly promotion to feature the Theological schools of our Church and the cause of Theological Educa-

tion in general. The attention mentioned above as having been given this subject in the March *Christian Education Magazine* constituted a part of this promotion. With the co-operation of a committee in each of our Theological Schools articles on assigned subjects were assembled from some of the strongest writers of the Church. These channeled through the various general periodicals not only of our Board but of other Boards and through the General Organ as well. The *Christian Advocate* is allowing space for three articles on Theological Education in the issues of April 13, 20, and 27, and is carrying an effective editorial on that subject on April 20. In several of the other periodicals the editors were also good enough to carry editorials endorsing the particular emphasis which was being placed.

College Days

College Day was scheduled in 1933 for the first Sunday in June and its observance on the corresponding Sunday in 1934 is being promoted. Promotional efforts leading up to College Day include use of all the features embodied in the quarterly emphasis and in addition the regular issuance of a special College Day Number of *Christian Education Magazine*. The *Christian Advocate* very generously designated its issue of May 26, 1933, as a College Day Number, and allowed this Division to assemble a large part of the content used in its columns. This year similar plans are being carried forward and the *Advocate* of June 1 is scheduled to be another College Day Number.

College Surveys

Demands for the co-operation of the Department of Schools and Colleges in making faculty studies of the colleges in various areas of the Church have continued. To date, under the direction of the Department, a total of five of these state or Conference surveys have been made by the Division of Promotion. A year ago a study of the Methodist Colleges in Texas was reported in progress. This survey was pushed to completion and the last of May, 1933, at a meeting in Dallas, the report was presented to the Joint Educational Commission and to the Presidents of the colleges involved in the study.

Within recent weeks a similar study has been made to the Church's schools in the Tennessee Conference. This study was projected by the Conference Board of Christian Education and was carried out under the authority of a survey commission appointed by the Board. The report has been submitted and its findings are receiving consideration as the Commission seeks to formulate recommendations looking to a more effective college program for the Conference.

Life Service

The direction of Life Service which was allocated to this Division in 1932 continues to be one of the responsibilities of the Division of Promotion. It is admittedly impossible, under the present set-up, to give a large amount of time or attention to this important phase of work. Under the handicaps of the present situation, however, little occasion seems to exist for the continuance of an emphasis on recruiting volunteers for Life Service. Without any initiative on the part of this Division large numbers of young people continue to offer themselves for full-time religious work. The Life Service efforts of this Division, therefore, have been directed along the lines: First, of keeping the doors open to worthy young people who are genuinely called to special service; and second, of giving general and personal guidance on Life Service problems. Young People's Summer Assemblies, Student Conferences, College Visitation and correspondence and contacts with Conference Staff Members and with interested young people have provided the media through which this guidance has been attempted.

Considerable study has been given by a number of staff members to the formulation of a clear and practicable definition of Life Service. This study has led to a conviction that the nomenclature, in this area, should be changed from "Life Service" to "Vocational Religious Work." It is also felt that while guidance in Vocational Religious Work, along with general Vocational Guidance and Guidance in Christian living, should form a well integrated phase of the total program of the Board, the distinctive responsibilities of this Division should be limited to giving guidance to active or potential candidates and otherwise to administering the program of Vocational Religious Work.

Other Duties

During the year it has been the privilege of the Director of Promotion to engage in certain field service as a representative of the Board or of the Department of Schools and Colleges, or sometimes by way of assisting certain Divisions in the Department of the Local Church. This field service has included attendance at two Annual Conferences, five student Conferences, and four Adult Assemblies, teaching in three Standard Training Schools, and in the Leadership School and the Young People's Leadership Conference at Mount Sequoyah, assisting in the direction of a Discussion Conference at Mount Sequoyah, visitation, exclusive of college survey work, in six college situations and meeting with four committees to set up programs for State-wide Student Conferences.

Respectfully submitted,

BOYD M. McKEOWN, *Director.*

Annual Report of the Department of the Local Church

To the General Secretary and the Members of the General Board of
Christian Education:

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

THE staff of the department has carried forward its work during this last year of the quadrennium with a remarkable degree of unanimity of purpose. The work has been heavy, but we have found a deep and abiding joy in service. Every one of us comes to the close of the quadrennium with a sense of profound gratitude to God for the privilege of working in a field so great in possibilities for creative service to tens of thousands of people in our Church, and so rich in spiritual experiences of inestimable value to ourselves.

We wish to record here our sincere appreciation for the unfailing friendliness to us personally and to our work on the part of the General Secretary, and for the helpful cooperation that has been given us by the members of the staffs of the other two departments and by the Business Manager and the Service Department of the Board.

As Secretary of the department I desire to report to you that the workers in the department have been faithful and efficient in the discharge of their numerous duties and have constantly reflected in their personal lives and in their influence in the field the highest ideals of the Christian religion. The work which is reported in the following pages has been made possible by their unselfish service.

FIELD SERVICE

The members of the staff have participated in literally hundreds of Conference-wide Conferences and Councils, District and sub-district meetings, training schools, and meetings of all sorts with local Church workers.

Numerous meetings of this sort have also been held by Conference and District workers. It is conservatively estimated that at least one thousand such Conferences have occurred annually during the quadrennium in the children's field alone.

THE LOCAL CHURCH BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Unfortunately the minute questions for the Quarterly Conference do not call for information concerning the organization and work of the Local Church Board of Chris-

tian Education. There is therefore no way to report accurate statistics on this point. We know, however, that the Board has been organized in thousands of churches. Letters received almost daily from pastors, general superintendents, and other workers in local Churches indicate that these Boards are rendering a real service in those Churches where they have been organized and are functioning.

THE CHURCH AND HER CHILDREN

Children's work during the quadrennium has been characterized by the seriousness of its purpose to measure itself by growth in character and the spiritual development of children, rather than by the tabulation of statistics. We have no greater opportunity for advancing the Kingdom of God than through an effective program for children in every Local Church.

A more complete statement of the department's work with children will be found in Miss Skinner's report on page 48.

THE RESPONSE OF YOUTH TO THE PLANS OF THE CHURCH

The Church took a momentous step in the direction of unifying and strengthening all its work with young people in the adoption of the legislation at the last General Conference. It was recognized in the beginning that the achievement of this objective would be a gradual process. Much has been accomplished in this direction during the port on page 53.

Two factors of tremendous importance in the success of the young people's work during the quadrennium are: 1. The most cordial co-operation with the new plans on the part of those who in former years were identified with the Epworth League and Sunday School organizations. Almost without exception they have been sympathetic and co-operative in their relationships to the work in Annual Conferences, Young People's Unions, and Local Churches. 2. The same attitude on the part of leaders in the Woman's Missionary Society with respect to the merging of the Young People's Missionary Society with the new organization for young people. The attitude of the women has generally been one of friendly helpfulness, which has meant much to the work with young people during this quadrennium.

ADVANCE IN ADULT WORK

Gratifying advance has been made in the program for adults during the present quadrennium, as will be seen in Mr. Rippey's report, page 61.

The new legislation presented the Adult Division with a problem but with not specific solution for it. That problem was what to do about the young adults who had been active in the Epworth League and the Young People's Missionary Society but who had passed beyond the age limit of the young people's division. The Adult Division suggested a plan for the organization of one or more Wesley Fellowship Classes in the adult division particularly for young adults. This plan has been adopted in many situations and has helped to solve this problem satisfactorily. We believe this flexible plan will meet the need far better than a change in the age limit, because the problem inheres in having an age limit and not in the point at which the limit is fixed. Many pastors have followed this or a slight modification of this plan and report increased interest on the part of their young adults, on the one hand, and freedom for the young people to carry on their own program without undue adult interference on the other.

CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH WEEK

The emphasis for the Childhood and Youth Week observance for 1933 was MAKING OUR HOMES MORE CHRISTIAN. The observance in the local church consisted of special sermons, special worship services, three-minute talks, and special program for adults consisting of appropriate worship service, book reviews, short talks, or a special dramatic program which was published in the *Church School Magazine*.

The radio was used widely throughout the Church for talks or special programs. One hundred and thirty-nine programs over thirty-seven stations were arranged by Conference workers. The General Board staff arranged for three addresses over Station WSM in Nashville and participated in the North Georgia and Tennessee Conference programs. As a result of this widespread observance thousands of people were brought face to face with the importance of Christian home-making.

The emphasis for 1934 will center around the idea of THE JOYOUS CHRISTIAN HOME. An effort will be made to interpret the ways in which character grows as the result of Christian attitudes and relationships in the commonplace affairs of the home and in the good times which a family can plan and carry out together.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

There have been several significant developments in the training program during the quadrennium. The training of the lay leadership of the Church constitutes one of the major functions of this department. The decrease in in-

come during the quadrennium has made it necessary to reduce the staff in the Training Division (as well as in other divisions of the department), and otherwise to decrease the resources for training work. This reduction is reflected in the record which is not as great as in former years. It has held up remarkably well, however, as the data in Dr. Simpson's report will show. See page 71.

The training program was one of the outstanding achievements of the old Sunday School Board and it has been carried forward with increasing effectiveness during the quadrennium. There are many evidences that it now has a permanent place in the life of the Church. Its deepest results are to be discovered, not in the number of credits awarded, but in the changes in the attitudes, in a better understanding of their work, in increased ability, and in the devoted service of local church workers throughout the connection.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

The fundanemtal assumption of the General Board with reference to missions is that there can be no education that is actually Christian unless it is missionary at heart. Therefore we have made every effort to preserve and strengthen the missionary motive and spirit in the entire program of the Board.

Thousands of schools are participating in the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise. Its chief value is educational. It is helping to give the entire constituency of the Church, including children, young people, and adults, a better understanding of the missionary enterprise, and a practical and definite opportunity for making a financial contribution to missions. These offerings have held up remarkably well during the quadrennium, as is indicated in the report of the Treasurer. (See page 76.)

The Board of Missions has received from the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise in three years and seven months \$299,393.00, and from direct specials in the Sunday school \$51,621.84, making a total of \$351,015.48 received by the Board of Missions from the schools during three years and seven months.

The funds accruing to the General Board of Christian Education from these offerings have been used exclusively for missionary purposes. These funds have amounted to \$72,094.84 during this period.

It is my judgment that the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise is by far the most satisfactory plan of missionary education in the Church school that has ever been offered by the Church.

THE EXTENSION PROGRAM AT HOME

For more than two quadrenniums the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been making a definite effort to help churches and areas that hitherto had been neglected. The Extension Movement started under the old Sunday School Board and was continued by the 1930 General Conference as a definite part of the program of the General Board of Christian Education. What has been accomplished during the year in the Extension Program and in Missionary Education is set forth in Mr. Martin's report, page 68.

HELPING THE LOCAL CHURCH ON THE FOREIGN FIELD

The last General Conference provided for a Committee on Counsel and Co-operation between the Board of Missions and the General Board of Christian Education. This committee worked out plans early in the quadrennium under which the local Church school program on our foreign fields has been carried on. Splendid progress has been made, as is indicated by the following brief statements:

1. A training course in Spanish, *Curso Normal*, has been developed.

2. A joint secretary for Christian education in the Orient, in the person of Rev. H. K. King, has rendered outstanding service in China, Japan, and Korea.

3. Training schools and young people's conferences have been very successful in China, Korea, and Japan.

4. A Sunday school literature is being provided for these countries and for Cuba, Mexico, and Brazil. (The lessons in Spanish and Portuguese are being re-written at this time.)

5. A Bible commentary is being prepared for the preachers in Korea.

6. Co-operation is being carried on with the Methodist Episcopal Church in support of the work in Korea, Japan, and Mexico; and with the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America in the support of the work in Brazil and Mexico.

The following leaders are giving full time to the work: Z. S. Zia in China; C. J. Tagashira in Japan; H. J. Lew in Korea; Juan Diaz in Mexico; S. A. Neblett in Cuba; H. E. Clements on the Texas Border, and G. D. Parker in Brazil. In addition to these workers, this interest has had the statesmanlike leadership of Bishop Paul B. Kern in the Orient.

This work is supported by the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise. Approximately one-third of the amount accruing to the Board of Missions from the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise is used in this program; the remaining two-thirds is used by the Board of Missions for the general work of the Board in China and Africa.

EVANGELISM

The school of the Church should be an agency of aggressive evangelism, and must be unless it is to fail in its chief mission. This department has proceeded upon the assumption that emphasis on the evangelistic possibilities in the Church school is one of our major responsibilities. There are two groups to be evangelized: those in the membership of the Church school, and those who are yet on the outside.

1. *Reaching the membership of the school.*

According to the reports of our pastors, Sunday school pupils have joined the Church during the quadrennium as follows:

1930	76,233
1931	80,463
1932	80,051
1933	78,131

Total for the quadrennium, 314,868.

Of all those who joined the Church on profession of faith during the past quadrennium approximately 75% came from the Church school. Most of these were children. Surely this reveals the potential significance of the school as an evangelistic agency. In my judgment we have an unused evangelistic resource in our young people's groups and in adult classes, the power of which we have not yet begun to realize.

2. *Reaching the unreached.*

The effort to reach the unreached has persisted through the quadrennium. It has at least stopped the decline in enrolment, as will be indicated in Mr. Moerner's report, pp. 58.

The enrolment for the quadrennium shows a small increase. It should have been much greater. We must continue to push this matter with all vigor. The following statistics for the calendar year 1933 have been compiled from the statistical tables of the Conference Journals, the condensed minutes of the mission and foreign conferences, and from reports by Conference Executive Secretaries on vacation schools. Other statistical tables will appear in the 1934 Yearbook of the General Board.

	1932	1933
Number of Sunday Schools.....	14,891	15,007
Number of Epworth League Chapters (Young People's Divisions and Departments).....	9,533	10,166
Number of Vacation Church Schools.....	799	1,216
Number of Sunday School Officers and Teachers.....	176,789	177,300
Total enrolment of Sunday School in 36 Domestic Conferences	1,970,708	1,970,125
Total enrolment of Sunday School in 10 Foreign Language Conferences	27,092	27,040
Total enrolment of Epworth League (evening meetings in Young People's Division).....	285,598	308,204

	1932	1933
Total enrolment in Vacation Church Schools . . .	54,882	91,493
Total enrolment in Local Church School	2,338,280	2,396,862
Increase in total enrolment in the Local Church School		58,582
Number of persons joining church on profession of faith	107,197	102,069
Number of Sunday school pupils joining the church	80,051	78,131
Percentage of those joining church coming from the Sunday school	74.68	76.55

TEMPERANCE EDUCATION

A very vital relationship exists between Christian education and certain great moral and social problems which face our people today, such as temperance, race relationships, war, economic honesty and justice, commercialized amusements, and pernicious propaganda. Space permits a brief discussion of only one of these, namely: the temperance situation.

Whatever other factors may have entered into our loss of prohibition, one of these was a lack of an effective educational program during the past fifteen years. If we ever regain prohibition it must be through an educational process. Whether we regain it or not, the only sound basis upon which we can proceed in establishing temperance and sobriety among our people is by educating children and young people in the evil effects, physically and spiritually, of alcoholic beverages. In other words, the strategic move which the Church of Christ must make in the temperance situation today is to inaugurate a vigorous, persistent, effective program of temperance education that shall reach every person in the Church. We need no new organization for this program. The Church school is already beginning to attack the problem through special articles and courses in the literature, through pledge cards, through the young people's assemblies, and through training courses. It is available with its organization, its literature, its programs, and its plans for reaching the people with a vigorous, Church-wide program of temperance education.

CO-OPERATION WITH THE HOME

The Christian home is the bulwark of a Christian civilization. The Church has a responsibility at this point which it cannot afford to let pass by. Some extra-church organizations are rendering fine service in their own fields. We find in their programs, however, an absence of that vital religious emphasis which is so necessary in the establishment and maintenance of the highest type of home life. The problems of the present-day parent cannot be solved merely on the basis of accurate information regarding the

physical needs of children, nor on the basis of mental hygiene, important as these things may be. In addition, there must be an understanding of the spiritual development of human life and the religious significance of the ordinary happenings in the home. In other words, there must be recognition of the fact that God is a tremendous factor in the development of the human personality—a fact often not accepted or at least unrecognized in extra-church programs for home betterment. This emphasis must be made by the Church.

Some progress has been made along these lines during the quadrennium, but our progress has been seriously retarded because we have not been financially able to employ sufficient staff for any one person to give full time to this work as the Sunday School Board was able to do. The opportunities for constructive and far-reaching service in this area are limitless and the need was never greater. We trust it will be possible during the next quadrennium to provide a more adequate personnel for this work.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

The members of the staff of the department sustain relationships to several interdenominational organizations, such as the International Council of Religious Education and its Subcommittees; the World's Sunday School Association; the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, and the Leadership Training Publishing Association. Through these channels and through co-operative training schools and other interdenominational enterprises the staff seeks to make a contribution for our Church to the larger movements in Christian education in our country and abroad. In turn we are able through these contacts to bring to bear upon our own work the experiences and ideas of those who are engaged in similar fields of work in other Churches.

FINANCIAL NEEDS

While it is true that the Department of the Local Church has been able to save money by reason of the merger of the Epworth League Board and the Sunday School Board, the radical reductions in the program of the department at certain points during the quadrennium has been due to lack of resources. Although the department began the first year of the present quadrennium with a smaller budget than the two old Boards had, it has been compelled to reduce the budget downward every six months during the quadrennium in order to keep its expenditures within its income. We believe this is a sound principle, and we have no apology to make for it. We do feel, however, that the Board has a right to understand something of the reduction in program

which has resulted. We feel also that the Board ought to be made acquainted with the urgent needs for developments in this program which cannot be undertaken without resources greater than the department is now receiving. It is in order to lay these facts before the Board and the General Conference that this statement has been prepared.

1. Decrease in Program Made Necessary by Reduced Resources

(1) Decrease of 80% in General Board help to Standard Training Schools. Total budget for Training Division cut 42% in three years.

(2) Decrease in number of Bible Conferences held. The field was wide open at the beginning of the quadrennium for Bible Conferences, particularly for adults in the local church. At a conservative estimate at least 500 such Conferences could be held annually if funds were available, thus reaching the lay constituency of the Church with a vital message of the Bible by the Bible scholars of the Church.

(3) Decreased program in the field of parent education and co-operation with the home. It was necessary to discontinue the full-time worker in this field and attempt to carry this work otherwise. In view of activity of non-church organizations and of need for positive religious emphasis the Church should be aggressive in this field.

(4) Camp for girls at Junaluska discontinued. This camp was mainly for the purpose of training leaders of girls' camps in the Annual Conferences.

(5) Two terms of the Leadership Schools at Lake Junaluska and Mount Sequoyah discontinued, leaving one term in each place.

(6) The reductions in the staff in the Annual Conferences has increased the load on the staff of this department by virtue of the fact that many calls formerly answered by the Conference staffs now come on to the General Board which the decreased staff must attempt to handle.

(7) Development of programs of work and training of interpreters for these programs in local churches—a service under way by the old Sunday School Board.

2. Things We Should Do and Could Do with Some Additional Resources

(1) Restore the program to the level at the beginning of the quadrennium.

(2) The vigorous promotion of a program of education in the evil effects of alcohol which will enable the Church to save the situation in the field of temperance.

(3) Co-operation with the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in the creation and development of program of Christian education in that Church.

(4) More complete co-operation with the Woman's Missionary Council in the new co-operative plan for the missionary education of children.

(5) Planning and holding another great church-wide Young People's Convention which could be the springboard for the launching of a comprehensive spiritual movement of heroic proportions among the young people of the Church.

(6) A more adequate and aggressive program for young adults—those coming out of the young people's division.

(7) Co-operation with Annual Conference and other agencies in the training of thousands of circuit preachers who are already in service, many of whom have not had adequate training for their work.

(8) More adequate help on the program of Christian education

to the leaders in this field of work in China, Japan, Korea, Cuba, Mexico, Brazil, and Europe.

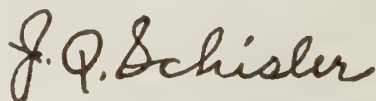
(9) Larger field service by members of the staff, thus helping Conference and District staffs and also keeping in touch with the needs of the field.

(10) A Division of Research which would have time to make careful study in various fields as the basis of development of plans and programs. (An important feature of other denominational education programs.)

CHANGES IN LEGISLATION

In our judgment no radical changes should be made in the legislation touching the local church at the approaching session of the General Conference. We believe that the content of the section of Chapter XIII on the Local Church should be rearranged in the interest of clarity, and that some of the provisions can and should be simplified. Recommendations looking in this direction will be made to the General Board. Our people are just becoming familiar with the new plan. Those who have entered into the spirit of it are pleased and many of them are enthusiastic. In fact far greater progress has been made during the past year than during the preceding three years of the quadrennium. To make radical changes now would, in our judgment, serve only to confuse and discourage our people and thus retard the development of this important work in our Church.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary.

Children's Division

To the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church:

The desire on the part of local churches to do more effective work in the children's division was never more widespread; requests for help were never more frequent and insistent. These convince us that our Church is becoming aware,

1. That we have an unlimited opportunity to advance the kingdom of God through an effective program of Christian education for children;

2. The teaching children is a real job requiring intelligent, co-operative effort in the way of work and study as well as "faithfulness";

3. That what we do for children must be done now, and can never be finished. The following report will indicate ways in which the staff of the Children's Division has attempted to carry forward the Board's responsibilities in this realm.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS OF CHILDREN'S WORK

A marked development of the year and of the quadrennium has been the increase in number and quality of children's workers who become members of the staff in a Presiding Elder's district. There are now approximately 250 District Directors of Children's Work engaged in the following types of work: Representing children's work at district staff meetings when plans for Christian education in the district are being made; preparing addresses and exhibits for institutes and District Conferences; planning group and district meetings for children's workers; organizing City Councils of Children's Workers for continuous study; distributing leaflet material; promoting training work; promoting vacation schools; stimulating nearby churches to exchange visits and materials; discovering neglected areas in the district where some extension work for children may be established; interpreting all plans and policies of the General Board; reporting quarterly to the Conference Board of Christian Education; co-operating in all general phases of the district program.

More and more care is being exercised by Conference workers and presiding elders in discovering the finest type of leader to render this important service within the district.

During the year 680 district or group meetings for children's workers were reported, 441 of which were attended by some member of the Conference staff, and 91 of which were attended by some member of the General Board staff. The value of service being rendered by these volunteer workers is immeasurable, and the necessity for making some funds available for them to carry on their work needs to be kept before those who make the budget for whatever funds are available within the district.

CONFERENCE WORK

The activity of the district directors increases the need for the supervision and guidance from the Conference office. The better qualified district workers are the most eager for the help of a Conference Director of Children's Work.

The Conference Directors of Children's Work have co-operated during the year in all plans for Christian education within the Conference and have, in addition, carried on the following specific phases of work: Teaching in training

schools; giving specific help to churches planning vacation schools; attending group and district meetings; promoting Childhood and Youth Week; giving publicity to developments of particular interest to children's workers; interpreting the policies of the Church as it relates to work with children; discovering qualified persons to be recommended for district directors; planning Conference-wide meetings for district directors to share experiences and become better acquainted with their work; visiting local churches and advising about specific problems; gathering information needed by the General Board; co-operating with the staff of the General Board in developing or evaluating policies and materials.

In many Conferences the Executive Secretary carries the entire responsibility for developing and supervising children's work, along with other phases of the Board's program. Some of these busy men have made constructive plans for promoting children's work within their Annual Conferences. The very nature of the case, however, makes children's work the most neglected in those Conferences where there is no Conference Director of Children's Work because it is furthest from the Executive Secretary's field of study and experience.

HELPS FOR WORKERS

The Children's Division prepares and keeps up-to-date, through revisions as needed, a large number of free and inexpensive leaflets and pamphlets for the use of children's workers in the local Church. During the quadrennium approximately 175,000 pieces of free material, in addition to 28,896 of the five-cent pamphlets sold by the Publishing House, related to the work of the children's division have been used by local Church workers.

To help district workers carry on their responsibilities, the following material has been made available: 24 pages of mimeographed material which goes to district directors at regular intervals during the year; a quarterly report blank for their use in summarizing the work for the presiding elder and for the Conference office; regular help by correspondence concerning specific plans and problems. A set of stereopticon slides on children's work has recently been prepared for use in interpreting children's work at general institutes and conferences.

TRAINING WORK

The equivalent of the full-time services of one member of the Children's Division staff is needed to carry on the responsibilities of this Division in relation to the Cokesbury and Standard training courses for children's workers.

The work with children at Junaluska, carried on in connection with the Leadership School in 1933, made an outstanding contribution to the training program of the year and of the quadrennium.

In spite of the fact that the training program of our Church has been in process of development for a number of years, there are still hundreds of churches and thousands of children's workers who have not yet had even one training course which brings them face to face with an instructor or with a guided bit of study related definitely to the responsible work which the Local Church Board has asked them to do in teaching children.

VACATION SCHOOLS

The increase in number of vacation schools and increased understanding of their purpose and place in the year-round program of the local Church is a development of which the Board may be justly proud. We feel that the vacation school has come to stay and that other ways for the use of vacation time will be discovered in the years that are ahead. The statistics for the quadrennium are as follows:

1930	.....	301	schools
1931	.....	368	schools
1932	.....	799	schools
1933	.....	1,216	schools

(No report has been received from the following Conferences: South Carolina, St. Louis, Louisiana, Illinois.)

STAFF ACTIVITIES

The interest, efficiency, loyalty, and whole-hearted purpose of Miss Henry, Miss Spratt, Miss Milton, and the secretaries in the Children's Division is unlimited. Every member of the group is giving herself fully to those phases of the Board's program for which the Division is responsible. The work demands and receives all the strength and ability that these young women possess. It should be a cause of concern to the Board that the work now carried by the Division allows too little time for study, preparation, personal enrichment, self-improvement, without which the efficiency of any leader is decreased. A valuable contribution to the series of textbooks for Cokesbury courses during the year is Miss Henry's book entitled *The Small Church at*

Work for Children.

The activities mentioned above have been carried on by the members of the group in addition to the following more specific field service:

Courses taught in training schools.....	30
District and group meetings attended.....	91
Conference-wide meetings attended.....	3
Conferences with workers from a single church.....	20
Articles written	31
Parent education conferences.....	4
Coaching Conferences of the International Council..	2
Teaching at Scarritt College.....	6 weeks

ASSOCIATE COUNCIL OF CHILDREN'S WORKERS

This official body of children's workers identified with the General Council of Christian Education carries on throughout the year thorough and far-reaching study and investigation in the realm of their particular work. Committees on missionary education, child study, books and materials, use of additional time in the local Church bring to the Council at its annual meeting mimeographed reports containing original material based on the study and experience of the Council members. Such material could come only from a group devoted to the cause for which they labor. The officers of the Council for the current year are: Mrs. Clay E. Smith, of Little Rock, Arkansas, President; Miss Corinne Little, of the Western North Carolina Conference, Vice-President; Miss Louise Bridges, of the South Georgia Conference, Secretary-Treasurer.

FACING THE FUTURE

The work intrusted to the Children's Division is of a developmental rather than of a promotional nature. It deals with attitudes of adults toward children, a better understanding of the ways in which children may be helped to grow up with ever-increasing strength, faith, and conviction concerning life that is becoming to one who is a follower of Jesus Christ. The nature of our work, therefore, is intangible; it does not lend itself to charts, figures, nor to promotion in the usual sense of the word.

We trust that all leaders in our Church will co-operate in helping to make effective the following basic practices and understandings: The dedication of children in infancy, not so much for the child's own sake, but for the pledge which parents take to provide for him Christian nurture and training from the very beginning; a better understanding of teaching, not as aimless repetition of words or acts at the direction of an adult, but rather as guidance in doing things for others, for the Church, for God himself which will result in self-chosen repetition of the act because of the satisfying results; the recognition of children as members of the Church family even before the time of the public recognition service when they come into full membership; the provision for children in the local Church, not in terms of "lessons" and "sessions," but in terms of the needs of

children for worship, for work and study with other children under the guidance of an understanding person who is their teacher, for help in developing Christian attitudes toward work, toward all persons, and a vigorous determination to have a part in carrying on the work of Jesus.

The need for unity of organization and plans for children within each local church is great. Only as the best equipped persons project a program that will provide understanding and training for all the children whom it can serve can a Church feel that it is meeting the opportunities of this day. But the concern of Christian people goes far beyond what actually happens at the church itself. All currents and forces in our modern life which warp, hamper, or threaten their physical well-being as well as their moral character are a challenge to Christian people. However splendid our local church program may be, it cannot decrease our responsibility for wider, more indirect service through our efforts to bring about better opportunities for all children everywhere to grow and live abundantly.

This report may well close with a reference to the thousands of children throughout the land served by our Church at home who are still without any Christian training whatsoever. The unreached children, therefore, at home and in other lands served by our Church challenge us to sacrificial and intelligent efforts for their sake in order that during the years of the Church's greatest opportunity not one of them whom we can reach shall fail to know God as their Father and Jesus Christ as their Guide, Friend, and Savior.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY SKINNER, *Director.*

Young People's Division

To the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church:

1. PROGRESS IN THE CHURCH THIS YEAR

A. *In the Local Church*

There has been noticeable enrichment of the program for young people this year. In the fields of worship, evangelism and church relationships, missions and world friendship, citizenship and community service, recreation and personal development, and leadership training there has been increased use of the program manuals. The periodicals produced by the Editorial Department, of course, have made their significant contribution. There is reason to believe that the young people of our churches are farther on the road to a comprehension of what living the Christian life means today than ever a year ago.

The organization of young people's divisions in local churches to carry out the unified program has made noteworthy progress. Individual reports received from District Directors of Young People's Work in all but ten of the Presiding Elder's districts in the church (that is, from 266 districts) give information concerning 10,048 local churches in which the progress of young people's work is known by the District Director. Of these, 5,532 (or 55%) have completed organization of young people's divisions—a very gratifying proportion in one quadrennium. In most of those not as yet organized, some type of young people's work is maintained.

Throughout the Church there is the finest spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm on the part of young people. The rapidity with which the unified program and organization have been accepted is significant evidence both of the wisdom of the basic legislation and of the splendid zeal of the youth and adult leaders of Southern Methodism.

B. In the District

The Church owes much to the ability and consecrated service of the District Directors of Young People's Work. Our Presiding Elders and other members of the District Staff have found them alert, well informed, effective aids to Christian education in the district. To them belongs much of the credit for aiding pastors and local church workers in reaching the present state of development in young people's work throughout the Church.

Reports from the districts indicate that there are now in the church at least 538 Unions serving the young people of local churches. This is the greatest number ever in existence in Southern Methodism. Of these 390 have been chartered by the General Board of Christian Education, an increase of 117 chartered Unions over last year.

C. In the Annual Conference

It is a significant evidence of the interest of young people in the work of the Kingdom that in every Annual Conference, without exception, there is a strong, effective Conference Young People's Organization with a complete corps of officers and a program developed under the policies of the General and Conference Boards of Christian Education. Each projects for its conference a Young People's Summer Assembly, and in nearly every Conference co-operates, under the direction of the Conference Executive Secretary, in special summer conferences and camps for intermediates.

In 27 of our Annual Conferences, there are employed or volunteer Conference Directors of Young People's Work, as members of the Conference Board Staff. The importance

of the work of these Conference Directors of Young People's Work justifies the hope that in the coming quadrennium more of the Conferences will arrange for such an employed officer.

Throughout the year and the quadrennium Conference Executives and Extension Secretaries have given unstintingly of their time in young people's work in their Conferences.

II DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TRAINING PROGRAM

It is becoming increasingly apparent that the Church cannot achieve the fullest possibilities in young people's work without a thoroughly adequate training program in the young people's field. To this end, great stress is being placed on increasing training opportunities for adult leaders of young people and for young people themselves. The next quadrennium should see marked progress in this matter.

A. Courses

The Standard Training Curriculum is offered to young people and adult leaders of young people through a total of 147 instructors accredited to teach Standard courses in the young people's field. 148 more are in process of accreditation.

The Cokesbury Course unit in young people's work has been developed tentatively and is now being experimented with in the field. It is expected that this new course will have wide usefulness.

The Christian Culture Course for persons 16-23 has been widely used this past year and through the quadrennium. It has undergone further simplification and enrichment. It is satisfactorily meeting the need for training in situations not appropriate for Standard or Cokesbury work.

The Christian Adventure Course, for persons 12-15, has proved its worth and is increasingly being used. It is at present limited to Institutes, Camps, and Assemblies. When additional staff personnel is available for supervision, this course will be appropriate for use in local Church groups.

B. Agencies

The Young People's Training Conference, 16 of which were held in 12 Annual Conferences during the year, added 1,083 to the number of Standard credits issued to young people. The bulk of Standard credits issued to young people are earned in regular Standard Training Schools, but the Young People's Training Conference has thoroughly justified itself as a training agency. Credits for this year were

19% in advance of last and 58% in advance of the year before.

The Christian Culture Institute maintains its lead as the chief agency through which Christian Culture credits are issued. This year 301 Institutes were held as compared with 290 last year, in which 9,166 credits were issued as compared with 7,726 last year. *Book-A-Month Clubs* and *Local Christian Culture Classes* added another 379 credits as compared with 341 yast year. *Young People's Summer Assemblies* issued 12,075 Christian Culture credits as compared with 10,159 of last year. The total number of Christian Culture credits issued this year was 21,620. For last year the total was 18,226. Increase for the year was 19%.

The Young People's Summer Assemblies, for persons 16-23, were conducted last summer in every Annual Conference with most encouraging results. The theme was "Thy Kingdom Come." The enrolment totaled 6,685 as compared with 6,033 the summer before, in spite of even more distressing economic conditions. 12,075 Christain Culture credits and 313 Standard credits were issued. For an average of approximately two hundred young people in each Annual Conference to give a week each summer to intensive application to the things of Christ to equip themselves to be better leaders in their local churches, promises much for the future. The Assemblies are noteworthy evidence of the complete integration of the three former programs for youth, which prior to 1930 operated separately (Sunday school, Epworth League, and Young People's Missionary Society). The Young People's Division of the General Board has arranged for a special Board representative for each Assembly to co-operate with the conference leaders. The traveling expenses of these representatives amounting last summer to \$1,203.77 is borne by the young people of each Conference on a pool basis.

The Christian Culture Conferences and Camps are being developed this year to meet a need which exists in a few places in the Church for a several days' meeting of young people 16-23 which is more than an Institute and yet not comparable to the Summer Assembly. Experimentation with this new agency, designed only for unusual situations, will be carried on this coming summer.

The Christian Adventure Institute, developed during the latter part of the quadrennium, is being increasingly used and seems to be meeting a real need. It is for intermediates 12-15 and corresponds to the Christian Culture Institute for the older group of young people. This year 36 Christian Adventure Institutes were held in ten Annual Conferences and issued 868 Christian Adventure credits. A satisfactory beginning likewise has been made with the Book-A-Month Club for intermediates.

The Christian Adventure Camps and Assemblies, for intermediates 12-15, have been instituted in twenty-six Annual Conferences and it is probable that all the Conferences will be included early in the coming quadrennium. Last summer 40 of these Christian Adventure Camps and Assemblies were held, issuing 2,901 Christian Adventure credits. The total number of Christian Adventure credits issued this year through all agencies totaled 3,771 as compared with 2,491 for the year before, an increase of 51%.

Camp Leaders' Training Agencies. For a number of years the former General Sunday School Board operated Camp Cheonda, located at Lake Junaluska, each summer. The Young People's Division of the General Board of Christian Education has continued the project as a summer camp for intermediate age girls in order to train an adult leadership for the Intermediate Camps which the Annual Conferences are promoting. Due to lack of staff personnel and insufficient budget in the Young People's Division, it was necessary to suspend operation of Camp Cheonda last summer. However, arrangements have been made for conducting the Camp again this coming summer and indications point to a very successful season.

In the past, nothing of this kind has been attempted for the area west of the Mississippi. However, for this coming summer, under the joint auspices of four adjacent Annual Conferences, a Camp for Intermediate Boys and a Camp for Intermediate Girls will be held at Mount Sequoyah, with the Young People's Division of the General Board co-operating especially through furnishing a trained camp adviser for both camps. The project will be studied this summer with a view to the possible development at Mount Sequoyah of an agency comparable to Camp Cheonda at Lake Junaluska.

The Young People's Leadership Conferences at Lake Junaluska and Mount Sequoyah attracted fewer persons than the year before due to lack of funds on the part of young people for long distance traveling. There were 99 enrolled at Lake Junaluska coming from 19 Annual Conferences and 116 at Mount Sequoyah, coming from 13 Annual Conferences. Despite the smaller attendance, the effectiveness of the 1933 Young People's Leadership Conferences in training and stimulating the leaders from among the young people of the Annual Conferences was marked. A total of 308 Standard Training credits was issued at the two Conferences. Much of the progress made in young people's work in the local Church, the district, and in the Annual Conference can be traced to the outstanding influence of the Young People's Leadership Conferences at Lake Junaluska and Mount Sequoyah. The value of these two weeks of

intensive training at each place for Conference and Union officers and local Church leaders among young people can hardly be estimated. Present indications are favorable in the extreme for much larger attendance this coming summer.

III LITERATURE ON PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATION

During the quadrennium now closing, basic guidance material has been prepared covering both program and organization of young people's work in local Church, Union, District, and Annual Conference. For the local Church the following are available, constituting what is in effect a "handbook":

No. 200-H. The Organization of the Young People's Division in the Local Church.

No. 216-H. Planning and Promoting the Program.

No. 205-H. Missions and World Friendship—Program Manual.

No. 206-H. Recreation and Personal Development—Program Manual.

No. 211-H. Worship—Program Manual.

No. 212-H. Citizenship and Community Service—Program Manual.

No. 214-H. Leadership Training—Program Manual.

No. 215-H. Evangelism and Church Relationships—Program Manual.

In addition, during the quadrennium the Young People's Division Staff has prepared general items in the young people's field, which include a large volume of mimeographed helps of various kinds.

The Editorial Department has extended every opportunity for the use of the *Epworth Highroad* in promoting the work of the Young People's Division. The Young People's Division Staff has co-operated with the editors in features in the *Epworth Highroad* and has regularly contributed to the Local Church Department section of the *Church School Magazine*. A total of one hundred and ten articles have been written for our periodicals by members of the Young People's Division Staff in connection with our work.

IV. MISSIONARY EDUCATION AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE

Survey of progress made since the 1930 General Conference indicates that the responsibility placed upon the Young People's Division for missionary education has been met. From the outset the values which the former Young People's Missionary Society represented have been integrated into the work of the Young People's Division. The cause of missions has been thought of not as an added factor to promote, but rather as a basic element infusing the whole

program continually. The place which missions occupies in all the work of young people in local church, union, and Annual Conference demonstrates the effectiveness of the approach which has been made this quadrennium. In the matter of contributions to missions the record is very encouraging. Each Annual Conference Young People's Organization promotes the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise as its "Young People's Mission Special." In almost every Conference this takes the form of assuming special pledges. Statistics compiled from the Conference Journals indicate that in 1932 a total for missions of \$56,466.00 came from the young people, and in 1933, \$50,612.00. In addition, there was a large amount, the sum of which is not known, which young people gave through Sunday school and Church without special credit being given.

V. FIELD SERVICE

Nowhere is the inadequacy of the Staff of the Young People's Division to meet its opportunities for service in the church and Kingdom more apparent than in the matter of field service. The calls for this type of service are so continuous that even were the members of the Staff to be in the field continually, they could hardly be met. In the office the demand for attention to correspondence and for creative work is no less pronounced. Of course effort is made to preserve a proper balance between field and office service. Staff members of the Young People's Division have worked this year in twenty-eight Annual Conferences in the following types of service:

	Number	Approximate Time by Weeks
Institute and District Meetings.....	34	14 $\frac{1}{3}$
Standard Training Schools and Young People's Training Conferences	21	21
Annual Conference Young People's Summer Assemblies	19	19
Pastors' Schools and Miscellaneous Meetings..	10	10%
Young People's Leadership Conference, Leader- ship School, and Camps at Lake Junaluska..	7	13
Young People's Leadership Conference, and Leadership School at Mount Sequoyah.....	6	11
Special Teaching Service at Scarritt.....	1	24 hours

In spite of effort to care for all the work adequately, it has been impossible. A review of work *not* accomplished as well as of things done during the quadrennium indicates the price we have had to pay in unutilized opportunities. This is particularly true in the field of intermediate work. Throughout the quadrennium it has continued to be impossible to add to the staff the specialist in intermediate work contemplated from the beginning. It is very much to be hoped that this additional staff member may be found possible in the near future.

VI. WORK OF DIVISION STAFF MEMBERS

The work of the Young People's Division is approached by the staff as a whole as being a common task. This has been particularly necessary because of the insufficient personnel available to handle the rapidly expanding program. However, certain divisions of labor may be recognized. Miss Alleen Moon is particularly responsible for training work, especially in the area of Standard Curriculum and for the Summer Camps. In the absence of an Intermediate age worker, Miss Moon has aided particularly in that area, although responsibility for Intermediates is assumed by the staff as a whole. Miss Ina C. Brown has responsibility for missionary education in all of its broad phases, and interests which formerly attached to the program of the Young People's Missionary Society. Rev. E. O. Harbin is charged with responsibility for the Christian Culture Course, direction of recreational and personal development activities, including the vital matter of guidance in the proper use of leisure time. The Director has general responsibility and endeavors to supervise field contacts, the set-up of the summer program in the Conferences, and general promotional work.

Co-operating with other groups in the General Board Staff the Young People's Division has given considerable attention to Vacation Church Schools and Childhood and Youth Week.

The Director is deeply appreciative of the devotion of each member of the division staff to the work. With no thought save enthusiasm and thankfulness for an opportunity to serve in the Master's Cause, they have labored day and night with complete consecration of ability and strength.

VII. FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

The theme for the 1934 Young People's Leadership Conferences "Christian Youth Building a New World" suggests the task ahead. Perhaps a better statement is that truly the world is to be built anew. If the forces of evil and hatred and selfishness are to be prevented from shaping the world in these crucial times, it will in large measure fall to Christian youth to do the building. Never was youth more eager. Never has the opportunity been wider. Never, perhaps, has the issue been more grave. The church and the Kingdom will win gloriously or lose tragically in accordance with the Church's guidance for youth in the days that are ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER TOWNER, *Director.*

Division of Adult Work

To the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church:

To say that the Board year of 1933-34 has been a most significant one for the Christian education of adults is not just an introductory statement, but one that is true because of actual accomplishments during the year and for what has been made possible for the Christian education of adults in the future.

IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

The most gratifying accomplishment in the whole area of adult work during the year has been creating an ever-increasing interest in and appreciation of the possibilities in the work with adults.

Superintendents of adult divisions have been appointed in thousands of local churches. In some districts, one hundred per cent of the local churches, regardless of size, have superintendents of adult divisions. Many of these superintendents are functioning in a most helpful way.

Hundreds of Adult Councils are beginning to make a continuous study of adult needs and are taking the necessary steps to develop the program of the church to meet these needs. Progress has been made in developing more effective work in regard to worship, study, fellowship, recreation, evangelism and church loyalty, missions, Christian service, parent education and home co-operation.

Just in the degree that the Adult Council functions, adult classes begin to realize that they are vital units of the church's organization engaged in carrying out the church's program. This is resulting not only in making the work more effective but in developing their first loyalties to the church and to the church's program.

A complete set of manuals, one dealing with each of the areas of work—"Worship, fellowship, study, social, evangelistic, missionary and recreational activity"—designated by the General Conference of 1930, has been developed in order for the General Board to give the guidance necessary to enable local churches to develop and carry out a program to meet the needs of growing life. A number of free pamphlets dealing with administrative problems and giving additional guidance in regard to program activities have also been prepared. The requests for pamphlets on adult work have increased more than fifty per cent during the last year. In fact, the demand has been so great that no pamphlets are mailed out except on request. Even then over two hundred thousand pamphlets on adult work were distributed during the year.

Notable progress has been made in developing a more effective study program for adults. The elective courses appearing in the Adult Student, four of them now available in pamphlet form, have been used by hundreds of adult groups. *This is one of the most significant developments in the Christian education of adults in the United States.* Leaders in adult work throughout the country have been following this movement in our Church with ever-increasing interest.

One of the most encouraging developments, of the quadrennium, largely of the past year, is in regard to the Wesley Fellowship. It has been proved in a large number of instances that the *Wesley Fellowship developed according to the plans and policies of the Board is more effective in reaching and meeting the needs of young adults than any plan the church has ever had before.* The difficulties and dissatisfactions in regard to this question, as well as the trouble faced in reaching young adults, are due largely to two things: first, many churches adopted the name "Wesley Fellowship" but did not develop the organization and program according to the guidance given by the General Board; second, other churches, the larger number by far, have not been made acquainted with the plans for the work with young adults, therefore have not made definite, specific efforts to develop this phase of the work. Due to written accounts of the work received from Wesley Fellowships the statement can be made that the plan of the General Board for young adults—the Wesley Fellowship organization and the church's program that can be carried out by it—is all that the church needs to meet the needs of the younger members of the adult divisions. The Board must give more attention to this phase of the work.

Another development coming from the emphasis or classifying adults in local churches on the basis of interests and needs is a restudy in many of our churches of the membership of adult classes; first, in comparison to the adult membership of the church to decide whether they have a sufficient number of adult groups to reach the largest possible number of adults in the Church; second, to lead each adult of the local church into a vital Christian fellowship in and through one of the adult groups. This study has resulted in many churches assigning each adult member of the church to some adult class—not as an active member, but as a responsibility of the class, thus applying the same principle of placing responsibility for the spiritual care and development of church members, on leaders and classes that Mr. Wesley gave us in developing the classes and class leaders of his day. This also provides a simple, yet thorough, plan for a continuous, definite, systematic visitation of the church membership.

IN THE DISTRICT

For the first time in the history of Methodism there are District Directors of Adult Work in practically every district in Southern Methodism. When one considers the fact that there were no District Directors of Adult Work at the beginning of the quadrennium, this is indeed most encouraging. It makes possible a work in the next quadrennium that was absolutely impossible during the past.

The District Directors, with the assistance of presiding elders, are holding hundreds of district and sub-district meetings with the members of adult classes, where direction is given that enables them to go back to their local churches and render more effective service. The expressed interest on the part of presiding elders in the adult work is most encouraging.

During the year, only a small sum was available for the Bible Conferences. Even though the information was not given out that any money was available, the demands that came for Bible Conferences exhausted the fund during the month of September, 1933. Bible Conferences can be developed into one of the most significant movements in Methodist history. There are requests in hand at the present time for more than sixty Bible Conferences to be held during the month of September, 1934. The Board can make a contribution to the work of the local churches through Bible Conferences that cannot be made in any other way, provided a small sum of money is made available for this work. The Bible scholars of the Church are more than anxious to have a part in this undertaking.

IN THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thirty-four conference councils of adult work were held during this year. The Director of the Division conducted thirty-three of these. This is the first time in the history of the Church when Conference Executive Secretaries, Conference Directors of Adult Work, District Directors of Adult Work and, in many instances, all the presiding elders of annual conferences sat down together and spent from eight to twelve hours discussing ways and means of promoting the adult work in the annual conferences.

In the summer of 1931, one adult assembly was held; in 1932, twelve, and in the summer of 1933 twenty-five. In addition to the conference assemblies, many districts are planning to hold district assemblies for adults.

Conference Directors of Adult Work report that due to insufficient funds available from the Conference Boards of Christian Education they cannot even begin to meet the demands for giving guidance to the adult work in their annual conferences.

FIELD WORK

Your director has been able to accept only a small percentage of the many urgent demands for his services. He has given entirely too much time to field work, yet it seemed necessary. He has spent 198 days in thirty-four annual conferences, taking part in the following types of meetings:

Conference Council of Adult Work meetings.....	33
District Institutes	25
Leadership Schools	2
Standard Training Schools	2
Bible Conferences	1

PRESENT, PAST, AND FUTURE

The director comes to the close of the year rejoicing in the progress made in adult work, yet at the same time somewhat saddened because of the many things that should have been done but could not be done by reason of having no associates in the division and in sufficient funds with which to carry on the work. Due to this the church has suffered a great loss in that it has failed to develop the work with more than seventy-five thousand home members (formerly the "Home Department"). This alone is one explanation of the smallness of increase in church school membership during the past year. Furthermore thousands of adults particularly young adults could have been led into a more vital church membership if they could have been reached with the challenge of the possibilities in a program of Christian education for adults.

It is possible to make unprecedented progress in the adult work of our Church. Adults are ready and they will respond provided the appeal made is in keeping with their interests and needs. The General Board is in a position to make this appeal. The future of the church, to a very large degree, is dependent upon the progress made with this present generation of adults. In meeting this challenge and the need, the Board faces one major handicap—insufficient funds and staff for the Division of Adult Work. The question is, "What shall be done about it?"

The director of the Division of Adult Work appreciates the wonderful opportunity that has been his during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

M. LEO RIPPY, *Director.*

Division of School Administration

To the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church:

The Division of School Administration has been charged frequently with directing enterprises in which the entire Department of the Local Church has co-operated. Before going into the report proper, attention should be called to the fact that the staff in the Division of School Administration is now only half of what it was at the beginning of the quadrennium. An associate to the director and an assistant to the office secretary had to be discontinued for lack of funds. It has, therefore, not been possible to do in this Division what we had planned and hoped to do.

EMPHASES DURING THIS QUADRENNIUM

1. *District Staff of Christian Education*

An outstanding achievement of the General Board of Christian Education has been the lifting up the opportunity of the presiding elder's district for carrying on an effective program of Christian education. In the summer of 1932 two seminars on the District Program and Organization of Christian Education were held, one at Mount Sequoyah and one at Lake Junaluska. The Director of the Division of School Administration served as secretary of these seminars and was responsible, therefore, in the preparation of a manual on district work and later in the setting up of district staffs of Christian education. According to the plan, the entire program and organization of Christian education in the district is under the direct supervision of the presiding elder, thus giving him a new place in the thinking of Southern Methodism. District staff meetings, lasting one day each, have been held in nearly every district in our Church. In all of these some member of the General Board staff led the discussions, which centered around the opportunities and responsibilities of the district staff and of the several directors who compose the staff and who serve as associates to the presiding elder. The opportunity for enlisting volunteer workers and training them for effective service in the Kingdom through the plan of the district staff of Christian education cannot be over-estimated. The General Board, by all means, should continue its emphasis upon this plan during the coming quadrennium.

2. *Reaching the Unreached*

Another distinct service rendered by the Division of School Administration was in the matter of "reaching the unreached," one of the chief emphases of the General Board during this quadrennium. As chairman of the committee on membership increase, the director of this Division was

privileged to lead in the formulation of special plans and in the carrying out of these plans. Through leaflets, distributed over the Church by the hundreds of thousands, through articles in our church school literature and conference organs, through special emphasis at training schools, institutes, and other meetings, and through the hearty co-operation of all Conference workers we were able to make splendid progress in reaching others. During the previous quadrennium—1926 to 1929—there was an actual *decrease* of 98,912 in the Sunday school enrolment; during the quadrennium of 1930 to 1933 there was an *increase* of 9,914. This increase would have been much larger had there not been a large decrease in 1930 (32,311), the first year of the present quadrennium; that is, before the General Board had had an opportunity to plan and organize for special emphasis on membership increase. There was an actual increase of 42,225 in the Sunday school enrolment during the last three years of the present quadrennium. In view of the fact that there was practically a standstill during the past year and, furthermore, because there are still hundreds of thousands of persons for whom Southern Methodism is responsible, it is suggested that the General Board set the matter of reaching others as one of its major emphases during the coming quadrennium.

3. Acquainting the Local Church with the New Plan

A third service rendered by the Division of School Administration was in the promotion of the course on "Organizing for Christian Education in the Local Church," which has as its chief purpose to acquaint local church leaders with the new plans of organization and to challenge them to go forward in carrying out these plans. In the two and one-half years that have elapsed since the authorization of this course the following record has been made:

Instructors accredited to teach the course, 123; number of times course has been offered, 579; number of credits issued in the course, 7,562; number of persons enrolled in the course, 10,839.

At the time this report is being written a large number of schools and classes in which this course has been offered have not reported. For that reason it is safe to say that the total number of credits issued will go considerably beyond 8,000 and the total enrolment beyond 12,000. About 2,500 churches have been reached directly through the offering of this course.

EMPHASES DURING THE PAST YEAR

1. General Work

In addition to giving continued guidance and help in the offering of the course referred to above, emphasis has been

given this year to the accreditation of instructors and the offering of the course on "Administration of Christian Education in the Local Church." This course has been offered in a number of training schools and classes and, according to the last report, nearly 1,000 students have enrolled for the course and approximately 700 general administrative officers have taken credit.

There has been a slight increase in the number of requests for architectural help. These requests have come, in the main, from medium and small churches.

Help has been given through regular correspondence and otherwise to Local Church Boards of Christian Education. There has been an increasing interest in the work of this board.

2. Special Survey Work in Texas

In January and February the director of the Division of School Administration assisted in the launching of an intensive survey of the Austin and Brownsville Districts of the West Texas Conference. This survey has in mind a detailed study of the total program of the churches in these districts, as well as of the districts as a whole.

Based upon the findings of questionnaires, suggestions for a four-year program are to be made to each church by a Central Committee, composed of the presiding elder as chairman, the district director of children's work, the district director of young people's work, the district director of adult work, the district secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society and the district lay leader. In order that the plans might be understood fully by all concerned, three group meetings were held in each district, to which were invited all the pastors, the general superintendents, chairmen of Boards of Stewards, presidents of Woman's Missionary Societies, chairmen of Local Boards of Christian Education, and the charge lay leaders. It is seen that this was a representative group from each church.

A careful study is now being made for the purpose of discovering weak places in the local church's program and organization and of making concrete suggestions for improvement. The value of such detailed guidance to each local church, based upon actual needs, can hardly be overemphasized. The General Board of Christian Education should be tremendously interested in this type of service.

3. Field Service

During the year the following field service was rendered by the director of the Division: Taught in 2 training schools; conducted 9 district staff meetings; assisted in 14 institutes on Christian education; taught in 2 pastors'

schools; taught in 5 young people's assemblies; taught in both Leadership Schools; helped in one Conference Council of Christian Education; represented the General Board at 3 Annual Conferences; and assisted in a special survey of two districts in the West Texas Conference. In doing this work the director traveled nearly 23,000 miles, reached 13 Annual Conferences, and spent 145 days in the field.

In addition to the suggestions already made for forward steps during the coming quadrennium, we wish to suggest two or three others. We are firmly convinced that a major task of the General Board, particularly of the Department of the Local Church, during the early part of the coming quadrennium should be the preparation of programs of work or specific guides to local churches. These guides should not only help local church leaders do better work, but should help them see the program of Christian education in the local church as a whole. It is our candid judgment also that the Cokesbury Unified Record System should be simplified at many points and that it should be correlated closely with the programs of work. Finally, special attention should be given to challenging general superintendents and Local Church Boards of Christian Education to the fact that their tasks call for the highest type of service and consecration.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. MOERNER, *Director*.

Division of Extension and Missionary Education

To the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church:

The work of the division during the year has consisted mainly of carrying forward the policies inaugurated earlier in the quadrennium. Attention should be called to the following:

1. *Increased emphasis upon missions in the various publications of the Board.* For example, thirty-three articles, or stories on China, and from three to twelve such features on each of the other countries in which our Church is at work appeared during 1933. In co-operation with the Board of Missions reports from the various fields have been assembled and made available to editors and lesson writers.

Program material for worship services on each fourth Sunday, as well as numerous articles and other materials, have been prepared for the various periodicals. The division has also co-operated with the Editorial Department in reviewing manuscripts of contributed articles, in recommending writers, and in the preparation of certain lesson materials.

The division staff desires to express here its appreciation of the unfailing co-operation of all members of the Editorial Department in the all important task of integrating missionary materials with the regular program materials of Christian education.

2. "*Here and There*" and other special missionary materials. Thirty-two thousand copies monthly of *Here and There* have been distributed. This publication provides for workers in the local church a guide to features in all our publications which may have missionary significance. In addition, supplementary "helps" are provided for use in connection with the fourth Sunday missionary program.

The following promotional materials have been issued during the year:

The Young People's Mission Special (203-B)

Adult Classes Support Missions (poster, 686-B)

A special stereopticon lecture, "The Golden Cord," was prepared for use in presenting the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise to the Young People's Assemblies during the summer of 1933. This lecture, together with the older set of slides on "What the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise Is Doing," has been in constant demand during the year.

3. *The staff committee on missionary education.* This committee continues to function as the clearing house for all problems affecting missionary education. During the year careful consideration has been given to such major problems as:

(a) Assistance to Colored Methodist Episcopal young people in attending the young people's conference at Paine College.

(b) Co-operation with the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in developing an adequate educational program for their local churches.

(c) Co-operation with the Missionary Education Movement and the Committee on World Friendship Among Children.

(d) Changes in the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise for the next quadrennium.

4. *Missionary offerings.* The total receipts to the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise for the year ending March 31, 1934, are \$185,633.42. This is a decline of \$9,319.65 over last year. Two explanations of this decrease should be pointed out.

First, the limited financial income of our people, especially in rural areas, during the past year has had its effect upon the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise along with the other enterprises of the Church. Second, in many conferences local church schools have directed this offering

to other enterprises. The 1933 conference journals report a total missionary offering from the church schools of \$307,353. A little more than 38 per cent, therefore, of the money actually reported for missions, to say nothing of the amounts that were collected but never reported, went to other causes.

5. *Missions courses.* There has been an increased demand for training courses in missions, particularly for the course "Missionary Education in the Local Church," and for courses in the young people's field. On the whole, classes have been larger than last year wherever these courses have been offered.

6. *Relationship to other agencies.* The same co-operative relationship as heretofore with the General Board of Missions, the Missionary Education Movement, the International Council, etc., continues with profit to our work.

7. *The Extension Program in the annual conferences.* This has been an extremely hard year upon all the conferences. Greatly reduced income from the apportionments, and Sunday School Day offerings, as well as from the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise has reduced 21 of the 36 English-speaking, domestic conferences to the necessity of combining the extension secretaryship with the office of executive secretary.

This trend is fraught with peril not only for the extension program per se, but also for the total educational program of the Church.

While in most instances these combination workers are placing major emphasis upon the extension features of the conference program, the fact still remains that the combination tends to remove the extension work in the thinking of our people from the missionary classification. This change in their thinking naturally weakens its claims upon their loyalty and support.

Direct appropriations continue to be made from the 4½ per cent fund to the conference program of Christian education in Arizona, New Mexico, the Pacific, the Northwest, the Department of Religious Education of Paine College, pastors' schools and young people's conferences at Paine College, Sunday school work of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and to the Leadership Training Schools for Negro women in co-operation with the Woman's Missionary Council. In addition, a small appropriation was made to the Interracial Commission.

8. *Some important problems for the next quadrennium.*

(a) Expansion of the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise to include representative items in all phases of the Church's missionary program. The major addition to the present set-up would be in the field of children's work supported by the Woman's Missionary Society.

(b) A more effective system of gathering fresh and interesting missionary educational material from the various fields in which our Church is at work.

The periodicals and lesson materials published by the General Board of Christian Education provide a channel for missionary education that is unequaled by any other denominational set-up in America. Nothing less than the best missionary material that can be obtained should satisfy.

(c) Preparation of source materials on the work in each of the fields in which our Church is at work. This material could very well appear as an adult elective and then in pamphlet form. It is our conviction also that a set of stereopticon slides should be prepared on the work in each field.

(d) Adequate financial support for the extension work in the annual conferences. While much is being done by unselfish and underpaid extension secretaries, the extension movement can never serve the Church as it should in solving the problems of rural and neglected areas without a more adequate financial support. This problem, in company with a similar problem in our foreign fields—particularly China, Korea, Japan, Mexico, South America, and Africa—constitute what is probably the Church's major missionary task.

In closing, the director wishes to express his grateful appreciation of the unselfish service of his associates in the office and of the cordial co-operation of all other members of the staff. The accomplishments of the quadrennium in so far as missionary education goes have been almost entirely theirs.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. MARTIN, *Director.*

Division of Leadership Training

To the Secretary of the Department of the Local Church:

THE YEAR'S WORK

The year 1933 was another fruitful period in the training program with further developments at several points. While the statistics show a slight decrease in Standard and Cokesbury work, this is not the result of a decreased church-wide interest or sense of need for better-trained leadership. It is due rather to conditions that have made it impossible to maintain the high record of past years. Economic conditions have hindered in the purchase of texts and in the provision of other expenses which are sometimes needed for schools and classes. The decrease in Conference staff personnel must also be taken into account. Then, too,

the work has been done with a smaller staff than the Training Division has had for five years. It has been impossible to accept all the opportunities that were open. Due to reduced funds it has been necessary to decrease the amount allotted to assist in training work in the Conferences and this has tended to decrease the number of Standard schools. By reducing the Division staff there has been a consequent reduction in staff service in schools.

The reduction in the number of Standard schools was offset by a large increase in Standard classes and the total result in credits was only slightly under the number issued last year. The results in young people's training conferences and in colleges show an increase.

The Cokesbury report compares favorably with other years. The showing in Christian Culture and Christian Adventure courses is considerably above the figures of last year. The Leadership Schools were well attended, Mount Sequoyah having an increase over the preceding year.

The total number of credits is: Standard, 40,333; Cokesbury, 12,817; Curso Normal (Spanish), 817; Advanced, 24; Christian Culture, 21,817; Christian Adventure, 3,771. Grand total, 79,382. Statistical reports in detail will be found in the appendix.

The number of accredited instructors was increased by approximately 100, and our total number is over 1,500 persons. Scores of these were accredited for additional courses. Since the success of the training program depends so largely upon the instructors every effort has been made to strengthen this phase of the work. More effective guidance is now being given as instructors begin their preparation to teach through revised descriptions of courses and course plan forms. This help is followed by constructive suggestions being offered upon course plans as they are received. Advantage is also taken of opportunities to have group conferences for instructors in which various phases of their work are discussed.

We owe a debt of gratitude to accredited instructors for the immense amount of service rendered. The majority of them teach without expectation of receiving anything more than expenses, and they are making a real contribution to the development of a consecrated, intelligent, and skilled church leadership. The training program could not succeed without the sacrificial service of hundreds of these men and women.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

Last year we reported the organization of the Spanish Training Course—Curso Normal. The response in Cuba and the Mexican Conferences has been most gratifying. In spite of unusual difficulties, especially in Cuba, the use of this course in local churches has been notable.

Progress has also been made in the further development of the Gubert-Lambuth Course in which we are assisting the Colored Methodist Church. A larger number of Negroes has been reached with these studies this year. A few Negro instructors are in process of accreditation.

Since the last report the method of taking training courses in local churches has been revised by the preparation of a group of assignments on each course to take the place of the old form of examination. This plan has been enthusiastically received, and there is a marked increase of interest in local class work. This method is being vigorously encouraged. We must get more work done in local churches without depending upon accredited instructors. Several Conferences have accepted the offer of the Training Division to co-operate with the Conference and District Staff in giving special help in at least one district in an effort to have a training class in each charge during this year. We are led to believe that some significant progress will come from these efforts.

Modifications have been made in the administration of the Standard training class so that it will have a much wider use in the future.

Plans are being worked out in co-operation with the Publishing House to reach directly every pastor in the Church in the interest of leading his own workers in the study of the training courses.

FIELD SERVICE

Among the most important items of service are the contacts made by the Training Division Staff in the field. With the reduced staff we have not been able to do as much in this area as in former years. However, we have reached twenty-seven Conferences in various types of schools and classes, institutes, assemblies, leadership schools, and annual conference sessions.

QUADRENNIAL SURVEY

Some of the high points of the work for the quadrennium are:

1. The reorganization of the Training Committee so that all three departments are represented by ex-officio and appointed members.
2. The reorganization of the Standard training courses so that instead of six groups of courses offering eleven awards there is now one course offering two awards.
3. The revision of the Cokesbury course so that it can reach the smallest churches more effectively.
4. The further development and wider use of the Standard training class.

5. The provision for the Young People's Training Conference.

6. Co-operation with the Board of Missions in the development of a series of missions courses.

7. Improvements in methods of taking courses in local classes by increasing the number of assignments in place of the old form of examination.

8. Co-operation with the Colored Methodist Church in the development of the Gilbert-Lambuth Course.

9. The organization and development of the Curso Normal for the Spanish-speaking people.

10. Increased co-operation through the International Council and with other denominations in training work.

QUADRENNIAL COMPARISONS

	1918-21	1922-25	1926-29	1930-33
Credits by Correspondence (Standard).....	15,380	35,068	39,484	18,721
Credits in Standard Training Schools.....	12,916	61,017	112,591	84,290
Credits in Standard Training Classes.....				11,091
Credits Awarded for Work in Colleges.....	5,544	32,442	63,449	44,973
Credits in Pastors' Schools.....		*2,905	7,461	7,625
Credits in Leadership Schools.....	2,062	2,711	3,619	3,218
Total Credits in Standard Courses.....	35,902	134,143	226,604	169,927
Credits in Advanced Training Course.....		119	323	78
Credits in Cokesbury Training Course.....		*2,729	46,499	53,126
Credits in Christian Culture Course.....				*38,950
Credits in Christian Adventure Course.....				*6,262
Total Credits all Courses.....	35,902	136,991	273,526	269,160
Number of Standard Training Schools.....	165	846	1,676	1,403

*Two years.

A CO-OPERATIVE TASK

The foregoing report represents the joint work of hundreds, yes, thousands of people. The director, and Rev. H. W. Williams, supervisor of Standard schools and classes, Miss Frances C. McLester, supervisor of correspondence work and office manager, and Miss Lucy Foreman, supervisor of Cokesbury work, with the young ladies who have served so efficiently as secretaries and stenographers, have sought to be of help in countless ways in promoting and administering the training program. It is impossible to give any account of the details involved in carrying on such a vast enterprise.

There is the closest co-operation with the other Divisions in the Local Church Department, the Department of Schools and Colleges, and the Editorial Department in the training program. All members of the General Board Staff render valuable service in many ways.

The Board of Missions, the Woman's Missionary Council, and the Board of Lay Activities have all made a contribution to the success of the training program during the year.

The relationships with the Conference Staff members who have administrative responsibilities for training in the field have been most gratifying. Without the help of thou-

sands of accredited and local class teachers we could not reach our churches as we do.

THE UNFINISHED TASK

Of all the problems facing local churches today one of the most commonly named is that of the dire need for consecrated, intelligent, and effective leaders. It is being recognized that the work of the Church in bringing in the Kingdom of God is fundamentally educational but few of these assistants to pastors have been trained for this kind of service. Such preparation is absolutely necessary for the success of the Church. The workers in our local churches must be led to realize all that is involved in their responsibilities in Christian education. They must be prepared in heart and mind if they are to be successful in leading others into the noblest Christian experience and practice.

There is an unlimited field in our 17,000 churches with 175,000 officers and teachers to be reached. With all that has been done in the past years thousands of both churches and workers are not yet sharing in the training courses. Of course, it is a task that will never be finished; the constant turnover in personnel in local churches makes that impossible. But in some way the last church must be reached in such a manner that training for service will become as much a part of its regular program as any other major item.

The volume of work is now larger than can be done successfully by the present staff. Other doors of opportunity cannot be entered until the budget is increased and the staff is enlarged. The first three months of 1934 show increased activity in almost every phase of the training program. The Church is ready to move forward to secure a better-trained leadership. In view of the impossible load the present staff is carrying and the opportunities for advancement, it is imperative that another staff member be secured. We respectfully place this matter before the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FISHER SIMPSON, *Director.*

Annual Report of the Treasurer

To the General Secretary and the Members of the General Board of Christian Education:

I have the honor to present to you my annual report setting forth the financial operations of your Board for the year ended March 31, 1934.

A general audit of my books and records for the year was made by Grannis-Blair Audit Company. The auditor's report, under date of April 6, 1934, was presented to your Executive Committee at its meeting April 10 and a copy is transmitted to you as a part of my report. This report of the auditors, with its Exhibits A, B, and C and its schedules 1-15, gives in detail the receipts and disbursements for the year just closed as well as the financial condition of the Board as of March 31, 1934. Certain schedules of the report will be published in our Yearbook. They are not included here since they have been reviewed by your Finance Committee and are before you in the auditor's report.

In addition to the information given in the auditor's report, let me call your attention to certain financial and statistical information which has been compiled from the last four annual auditors' reports, tabulated, and published in the General Secretary's quadrennial report to the General Conference.

It is gratifying to note that receipts from Conference apportionments were more than they were last year. On these apportionments we received 41.8% in 1933-34 as compared to 38% in 1932-33 and 45.9% in 1931-32. From the Voluntary Kingdom Extension Offering we received only \$20,478 in 1933-34 as compared to \$21,697 in 1932-33 and \$49,530 in 1931-32. The receipts for the fourth and last year of this Offering will come in during our fiscal year 1934-35.

Receipts from the Annual Conferences on the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise have held up very well. During the year just closed these receipts amounted to \$185,633.43. Of this amount \$83,535.03 was sent to the treasurer of the Board of Missions, \$75,182.64 was returned to the Annual Conferences to be used in promoting Sunday school extension in their own territory, and the remaining \$26,915.76 was retained by this Board for the maintenance of the Divisions of Foreign Extension and Extension and Missionary Education and for appropriations to extension

work in weaker Conferences or in special areas where this work could not otherwise be provided for.

The Board's permanent invested funds amount to \$203,499, of which \$76,710 is invested in real estate first mortgages and \$126,789 in bonds. Interest paid on these investments amounted to \$9,265. If \$1,495 interest due before the close of the year and now in process of collection were added, the interest yield for the year would be 5.28% on the book value of all investments, including those which are in default. We are still carrying at their book value all bonds and mortgage loans. About \$30,000 of these have defaulted on interest payments. Some of this will be a total loss, but the most of it will in time regain a part or all of its original value. Within the next two or three years it can probably be determined just what ones should be charged off as valueless.

I am glad to be able to report to you that the Board closed its year without a deficit and with no indebtedness. But it cannot be too strongly emphasized that this was made possible only by curtailing or discontinuing many vital features of the work which the General Conference instructed the Board to do. The Treasurer and Business Manager is greatly indebted to the General Secretary, the Departmental Secretaries, and the Divisional Directors for their splendid co-operation in keeping our expenditures within our income even though it meant the sacrificing of valuable service to the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. HOGAN, *Treasurer.*

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 1934

Assets

Cash in Bank and on Hand	\$ 55,811 87	
Warrants Receivable	696 67	
Stocks Owned	1,050 00	
Accounts and Funds Pending	1,410 50	
Annuity, Endowment, and Loan Fund		
Investments	316,914 66	
Permanent Assets—Depreciated	125,327 42	
Service Department	796 07	
Total Assets		<u>\$502,007 19</u>

Liabilities

Accounts and Funds Pending	\$ 26,495 11	
Notes Payable—Due Bank	1,700 00	
Donation for Industrial School	25,000 00	
Annuity, Endowment, and Loan Funds	326,049 94	
Net Assets	121,966 07	
Service Department	796 07	
Total Liabilities		<u>\$502,007 19</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 1934

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL CHURCH

Assets

Cash in Bank	\$ 40,659 45	
Stocks Owned	1,050 00	
Accounts and Funds Pending	530 75	

Permanent Assets

Buildings—Lake Jualuska ..	\$ 62,800 00	
Mt. Sequoyah ..	15,000 00	
Camp Paraphernalia and		
Site	5,577 23	
Equipment—Lake Juna-		
luska	5,203 70	
Real Estate—Lake Juna-		
luska	12,613 16	
Office Furniture and Fix-		
tures, Nashville	16,794 62	
	<u>\$117,988 71</u>	

Less—Reserve for Deprecia-		
tion	17,473 07	100,515 64

Total Assets		<u>\$142,755 84</u>
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Liabilities

Accounts and Funds Pending	\$ 26,216 90	
Notes Payable—Due Bank	1,700 00	
Net Assets	114,838 94	

Total Liabilities		<u>\$142,755 84</u>
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BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 1934

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Assets

Cash in Bank\$ 15,152 42

Annuity, Endowment, and Loan Fund Investments

Mortgage Loans	\$ 76,710 60	
Bonds	126,789 16	
Student Notes	98,414 90	
Invested by Institutions direct	15,000 00	316,914 66

Permanent Assets

Office Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 3,158 71	
Wildwood Farm	25,000 00	

\$ 28,158 71

Less—Reserve for Depreciation	3,346 93	24,811 78
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Warrants Receivable		696 67
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Accounts and Funds Pending

J. C. Jacobs Banking Company	\$ 10 00	
Mrs. M. C. King, Annuity Interest	619 50	
Jeffie Wickline, Annuity Fund Interest	250 25	879 75

Total Assets		\$358,455 28
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Liabilities

Annuity, Endowment, and Loan Funds....\$326,049 94

Accounts and Funds Pending

Wildwood Farm—Operating	278 21	
Donation for Industrial School	25,000 00	
Net Assets	7,127 13	

Total Liabilities		\$358,455 28
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CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1934

Balance on hand April 1, 1933.....\$ 40,559 48

Add—Receipts

From Conferences:

Local Church	\$ 94,122 23	
Schools and Colleges	52,190 83	
Theological Schools	33,481 63	
H. and F. Missionary Enterprise	185,633 43	\$365,428 12

Interest on

Bank Balances	\$ 558 68	
Mortgage Loans	3,718 42	
Investment Bonds	5,546 72	
Student Loans	140 50	9,964 32

Notes Receivable	55 00	
Payments on Student Loans	7,863 77	
Payments on Mortgage Loans	4,500 00	
Bonds Sold	3,852 13	
Gain on Bonds Sold	830 66	
Recoveries on Notes Charged Off	50 00	
Anniversary Day	1,440 98	
College Day	139 96	
Voluntary Kingdom Extension Offering	20,478 69	
Adult Class Messenger	1,489 51	
Cafeteria and Dormitory Operations	2,201 86	
Foreign Special	122 85	
Illinois Conference	278 45	
Louisiana Conference—Special	95 00	
Whitmore & Smith for Division of Leadership Training	10,000 00	
Mount Sequoyah Building Fund	116 50	
Quarterly Bulletin	584 50	
Southern Assembly	9 00	
Sunday School Mission Special—10%	1,907 88	
Supervised Study by Correspondence	306 15	

Total Receipts\$431,715 33

Total to Be Accounted For\$472,274 81

Deduct—Disbursements

Appropriations:

Local Church	\$132,907 50	
Schools and Colleges	43,920 53	\$176,828 03

Loans to Students		11,919 00
Service Credits on C. W. E. A. F. Notes....		3,603 00
Warrants in lieu of cash.....		378 17
Supervisory Service on Investments		30 00
Bonds Purchased—C. W. E. A. F.....		5,670 79
Mortgage Loans Purchased—Endowment Fund		3,500 00

Annuity Interest Paid:

Mrs. M. C. King	\$ 575 66	
Jeffie Wickline	350 00	925 66

Difference in exchange of warrants for bonds		10 00
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Theological Schools:

From Conference Apportion- ments	\$ 33,481 63	
From Kingdom Extension..	5,200 26	38,681 89

Federal Tax on Checks		69 56
Voluntary Kingdom Extension Offering—Ex- pense		2,880 00
Adult Class Messenger		2,451 45
Cafeteria and Dormitory Operations		1,374 94
Foreign Special		278 08
H. and F. Missionary Enterprise—4½%...		8,140 13
Mount Sequoyah Building Fund.....		489 73
Southern Assembly		327 22
Supervised Study by Correspondence.....		187 62

H. and F. Missionary Enterprise:

To Conferences—40½% ...	\$ 75,182 64	
To Board of Missions—45%	83,535 03	158,717 67

Total Disbursements		\$416,462 94
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Balance on March 31, 1934.....		\$ 55,811 87
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BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1934

	Appropriated	Expended	Over- Expended	Under- Expended
<i>Local Church</i>				
General and Administrative.....	\$ 18 665 00	\$ 15 462 10		\$ 3 202 90
Leadership Training.....	35 924 00	32 312 58		3 611 42
School Administration.....	6 300 00	5 566 56		733 44
Children.....	15 075 00	13 508 23		1 566 77
Young People.....	19 400 00	17 973 71		1 426 29
Adult.....	6 675 00	7 295 43	\$ 620 43	
Foreign Extension.....	1 253 00	503 72		749 28
Extension and Missionary Education.....	22 080 72	18 902 72		3 178 00
Inter-Department.....	22 126 30	21 382 45		743 85
Total.....	\$ 147 499 02	\$ 132 907 50	\$ 620 43	\$ 15 211 95
Net Underexpended.....		14 591 52	14 591 52	
Total.....	\$ 147 499 02	\$ 147 499 02	\$ 15 211 95	\$ 15 211 95
<i>Schools and Colleges</i>				
General and Administrative.....	\$ 19 450 00	\$ 16 444 29		\$ 3 005 71
Education and Promotion.....	23 550 00	19 437 60		4 112 40
Inter-Department.....	8 183 70	8 038 64		145 06
Total.....	\$ 51 183 70	\$ 43 920 53		\$ 7 263 17
Net Underexpended.....		7 263 17	\$ 7 263 17	
Total.....	\$ 51 183 70	\$ 51 183 70	\$ 7 263 17	\$ 7 263 17

(TABLE A)
SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT
1932-1933

Conference	Number of Sunday Schools		Number of Officers and Teachers		Number on Cradle Roll		Number in Home De- partment		Total Enrolment		No. S. S. Pu- pils Received into Church	
	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933
Alabama.....	511	518	4,910	5,050	1,245	1,521	1,745	1,625	47,794	46,726	2,248	1,911
Arizona.....	32	33	444	501	336	273	98	133	4,074	4,900	258	169
Baltimore.....	554	582	7,128	7,402	4,802	4,698	4,238	4,254	79,884	80,587	2,873	2,882
Central Texas.....	426	435	6,008	5,891	2,719	2,459	2,042	1,841	63,887	64,227	2,439	2,810
Florida.....	373	378	5,668	5,711	2,813	2,378	1,691	1,766	54,059	56,102	2,010	2,272
Holston.....	766	781	7,668	8,206	4,692	4,036	1,983	1,898	109,547	110,651	4,998	4,533
Illinois.....	80	81	731	737	381	435	90	92	6,501	6,688	256	354
Kentucky.....	238	239	2,375	2,439	1,416	1,200	537	518	26,579	27,753	1,154	1,289
Little Rock.....	360	366	4,141	4,146	1,910	1,543	1,052	971	43,237	43,486	1,893	2,255
Louisiana.....	315	315	3,713	3,638	2,164	1,827	1,409	1,387	39,091	38,885	1,603	1,554
Louisville.....	430	442	3,857	3,916	1,634	1,718	792	804	43,381	43,708	2,224	1,800
Memphis.....	520	523	5,489	5,168	1,964	1,913	1,711	1,754	62,875	63,250	3,000	2,801
Mississippi.....	416	412	3,984	4,123	1,546	1,282	956	994	41,408	42,118	1,367	1,585
Missouri.....	281	272	3,273	3,287	1,756	1,830	1,244	1,116	32,378	31,064	989	1,248
New Mexico.....	98	105	1,327	1,444	1,009	1,018	833	736	15,337	15,440	781	700
North Alabama.....	701	702	8,025	8,008	3,018	2,755	2,202	2,455	88,289	88,789	4,140	3,675
North Arkansas.....	475	455	5,441	5,288	2,056	1,701	1,063	1,067	58,202	56,483	2,504	2,496
North Carolina.....	686	690	7,754	7,786	3,512	3,079	2,200	2,173	90,626	90,773	3,280	3,131
North Georgia.....	729	747	8,665	8,459	6,596	4,355	4,019	3,180	100,606	102,404	4,161	4,119
North Mississippi.....	464	450	4,295	4,114	1,405	1,218	823	830	43,432	41,706	1,529	1,567
North Texas.....	391	391	5,634	5,618	2,961	1,811	1,814	1,810	64,860	64,609	2,098	2,220
Northwest.....	41	40	382	378	372	443	98	90	4,009	3,814	142	140
Northwest Texas.....	323	332	4,626	4,582	2,394	2,221	1,044	767	50,465	51,037	2,363	2,625
Oklahoma.....	369	378	5,440	5,774	3,030	2,867	1,061	862	58,858	61,147	3,035	3,341
Pacific.....	81	80	1,318	1,327	1,062	954	594	519	15,360	14,820	673	586
South Carolina.....	369	367	4,147	4,141	2,057	1,977	1,018	1,214	44,742	45,207	1,815	1,563
South Georgia.....	602	598	6,400	6,451	2,419	2,141	1,647	1,670	65,812	66,676	2,858	2,324
Southwest Missouri.....	243	244	3,325	2,943	1,705	1,533	825	1,230	31,825	29,938	1,040	1,092
St. Louis.....	237	255	3,008	3,070	1,684	1,486	479	746	33,621	34,006	1,349	1,597
Tennessee.....	587	603	5,824	5,959	2,057	2,307	1,525	1,546	62,868	63,813	2,229	2,191
Texas.....	516	497	6,453	6,237	3,313	2,738	1,629	1,256	70,423	69,061	3,117	3,028
Upper South Carolina.....	362	373	4,971	5,120	3,382	3,001	1,728	1,756	59,843	58,407	2,379	2,127
Virginia.....	775	770	11,397	11,602	7,155	6,762	6,694	6,220	125,630	124,019	4,405	4,290
West Texas.....	254	259	4,451	4,501	2,754	2,468	1,665	1,665	42,512	42,623	1,383	1,829
Western North Carolina.....	839	857	10,051	10,045	6,024	5,257	3,387	3,308	140,451	136,705	5,688	4,427
Western Virginia.....	427	437	4,341	4,336	2,240	1,916	742	624	47,082	48,600	1,783	1,600
Total.....	14,891	15,007	176,789	177,300	91,782	82,241	57,082	54,454	1,970,708	1,970,123	80,051	78,131

(TABLE B)

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1932-1933

Conference	Amount Raised for Missions		Sunday School Day Offering		For Other Objects		Aggregate for All Purposes	
	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933
Alabama.....	\$ 5,994	\$ 4,494	\$ 1,882	\$ 1,439	\$ 51,496	\$ 44,217	\$ 59,372	\$ 50,150
Arizona.....	1,021	960	239	183	5,592	5,748	6,765	6,969
Baltimore.....	48,921	40,941	2,192	1,931	102,808	96,889	147,054	101,759
Central Texas.....	5,948	5,441	1,097	661	72,556	64,693	82,651	71,984
Florida.....	14,016	11,872	1,405	1,507	80,528	69,768	95,465	86,498
Holston.....	9,334	7,900	781	782	100,142	91,498	113,663	100,532
Illinois.....	655	453	23	25	5,090	5,964	6,189	6,649
Kentucky.....	4,975	4,968	1,076	827	25,230	24,032	34,287	30,435
Little Rock.....	5,604	4,977	3,624	2,232	38,849	35,708	48,077	42,917
Louisiana.....	6,800	6,043	967	821	56,877	49,790	69,341	60,858
Louisville.....	5,628	4,879	1,012	1,240	45,987	40,891	54,295	46,123
Memphs.....	9,807	8,600	3,095	2,484	73,310	57,808	86,182	68,903
Mississippi.....	6,941	5,395	1,126	823	35,747	30,309	43,894	36,983
Missouri.....	3,553	2,972	862	389	31,020	27,848	37,597	30,751
New Mexico.....	3,675	2,468	297	278	24,752	17,722	29,169	20,770
North Alabama.....	10,378	8,745	1,284	1,473	89,394	77,415	103,013	97,539
North Arkansas.....	5,249	4,395	2,538	2,120	47,677	42,600	55,457	51,868
North Carolina.....	3,887	3,198	827	908	94,383	84,989	103,409	88,848
North Georgia.....	10,624	9,703	1,624	1,411	111,060	93,621	126,689	105,221
North Mississippi.....	3,678	3,175	857	761	38,446	32,164	43,818	36,151
North Texas.....	8,456	7,212	1,090	1,002	77,829	66,837	87,369	75,051
Northwest.....	670	524	35	35	3,370	2,558	4,354	3,073
Northwest Texas.....	4,488	3,925	930	402	62,634	55,810	69,291	60,272
Oklahoma.....	5,771	4,926	570	886	59,018	51,233	67,462	56,937
Pacific.....	5,708	6,106	306	254	19,286	17,061	25,410	23,403
South Carolina.....	5,729	5,285	2,577	1,820	45,219	40,441	53,789	49,106
South Georgia.....	10,018	8,697	871	837	70,719	67,081	84,925	76,615
Southwest Missouri.....	4,115	3,403	447	851	34,187	29,897	40,731	34,454
St. Louis.....	2,136	1,403	823	722	40,722	37,096	43,681	39,221
Tennessee.....	6,470	5,663	2,042	1,780	54,079	49,597	62,342	57,325
Texas.....	9,021	7,274	1,314	871	86,620	80,056	99,070	89,030
Upper South Carolina.....	5,315	4,715	4,410	4,805	59,617	53,092	72,112	69,071
Virginia.....	24,048	29,133	4,427	4,365	186,222	164,626	233,558	198,124
West Texas.....	6,914	5,541	1,767	1,494	62,453	53,219	73,884	62,868
Western North Carolina.....	13,127	10,070	1,800	1,804	138,886	136,574	153,815	149,105
Western Virginia.....	6,005	4,551	981	471	50,421	40,333	48,070	45,633
Total.....	\$284,672	\$250,007	\$51,198	\$44,694	\$2,182,226	\$1,939,185	\$2,566,250	\$2,231,196

(TABLE C)
EPWORTH LEAGUE STATISTICS
1932-1933

Conference	Number of Chapters		Number of Members		Raised for Missions		Raised on Anniversary Day		Raised for Other Objects		Total Amount Raised	
	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933
Alabama.....	322	368	8,945	9,945	\$ 738	\$ 791	\$ 170	\$ 3,565	\$ 4,096	\$ 4,422	\$ 5,057	
Arizona.....	34	36	796	918	402	291	26	11,239	1,021	1,658	1,339	
Baltimore.....	297	323	10,086	11,350	3,236	2,623	328	11,717	10,006	15,838	13,217	
Central Texas.....	303	320	8,339	8,693	2,176	1,583	240	4,847	5,154	7,007	6,886	
Florida.....	358	378	9,922	10,073	2,572	2,438	348	9,097	9,437	12,017	12,746	
Holston.....	462	513	14,784	17,086	2,196	2,137	200	9,771	10,485	13,200	12,437	
Illinois.....	25	23	636	7,717	116	166	6	4	438	641	613	
Kentucky.....	132	161	4,075	4,424	884	776	128	2,230	2,233	3,808	2,976	
Little Rock.....	208	268	8,151	8,117	1,426	1,567	186	3,384	3,528	5,026	5,755	
Louisiana.....	239	262	6,442	7,021	1,991	1,062	317	5,263	5,057	6,591	6,440	
Louisville.....	146	163	4,565	5,221	1,811	1,583	156	2,905	4,298	4,678	6,306	
Memphis.....	307	340	9,695	10,811	2,547	1,824	218	10,240	8,394	12,408	10,253	
Mississippi.....	259	276	6,665	7,314	1,074	745	116	2,529	2,698	3,537	3,436	
Missouri.....	109	127	2,924	3,227	694	521	155	2,620	2,979	4,409	3,325	
New Mexico.....	91	97	2,542	2,372	527	263	94	2,183	1,845	3,475	2,354	
North Alabama.....	502	552	14,839	14,809	3,206	2,704	795	11,496	10,778	17,288	14,745	
North Arkansas.....	336	352	8,905	9,695	857	497	154	4,345	4,759	5,413	5,490	
North Carolina.....	354	378	11,086	12,367	2,028	3,259	109	5,063	7,967	7,196	7,519	
North Georgia.....	549	575	20,531	20,997	2,681	2,682	282	12,121	11,877	15,063	14,851	
North Mississippi.....	237	250	6,372	6,653	884	825	141	2,557	2,801	3,763	3,630	
North Texas.....	263	263	8,213	8,294	1,822	1,240	300	4,052	4,704	6,174	6,200	
Northwest.....	37	39	787	808	177	136	21	659	388	838	622	
Northwest Texas.....	333	335	9,276	9,057	2,058	1,986	224	6,365	5,467	9,069	7,705	
Oklahoma.....	393	403	11,847	12,137	1,116	1,138	118	7,771	5,856	7,418	7,374	
Pacific.....	110	108	2,590	2,878	2,119	1,939	79	6,406	3,045	8,829	4,896	
South Carolina.....	169	181	5,612	6,088	464	452	82	2,329	1,883	2,376	2,361	
South Georgia.....	405	407	12,637	15,383	1,826	1,543	200	7,804	7,399	10,075	9,570	
Southwest Missouri.....	151	157	3,961	4,340	1,581	1,438	172	4,274	3,780	5,212	4,856	
St. Louis.....	181	205	4,919	5,712	2,089	1,399	182	6,206	5,246	8,477	6,721	
Tennessee.....	303	291	9,728	8,948	773	561	81	4,468	5,253	6,402	5,958	
Texas.....	352	401	9,801	10,552	1,883	1,531	221	7,292	5,824	8,516	7,520	
Upper South Carolina.....	239	252	6,895	7,764	1,615	1,910	860	3,155	3,439	5,338	6,063	
Virginia.....	386	426	11,948	14,355	3,532	3,167	539	10,953	10,657	13,063	14,732	
West Texas.....	249	263	6,549	7,190	2,130	1,846	683	6,212	5,647	9,205	8,200	
Western North Carolina.....	458	454	14,698	15,486	1,437	1,497	133	7,384	9,513	8,954	11,070	
Western, Virginia.....	174	219	5,837	7,443	808	732	186	2,873	3,689	3,877	4,356	
Total.....	9,533	10,166	285,598	308,204	\$56,466	\$50,612	\$9,280	\$9,808	\$196,993	\$191,844	\$263,853	\$247,419

(TABLE D)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EPWORTH LEAGUE STATISTICS OF
FOREIGN CONFERENCES AND MISSIONS**

Conference or Mission	Number of Sunday Schools		Number of Officers and Teachers		Total Enrolment		Number of Epworth Leagues		Number of Members	
	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933	1932	1933
Belgian.....	20	33	44	67	695	945	16	15	345	253
California Oriental Mission.....	16	14	71	65	605	526	8	9	145	179
China.....	165	160	738	744	9,321	9,334	60	59	3,230	3,225
Congo Mission*.....										
Cuba.....	65	65	460	458	5,335	4,885	27	35	851	1,346
Czechoslovak.....	35	33	86	90	1,386	1,216	15	15	212	189
Indian Mission.....	69	76	682	426	2,836	2,494	18	19	430	366
Latin Mission.....	6	6	47	55	528	734	6	7	62	144
Polish Mission.....	11	12	29	34	370	474	10	11	146	182
Texas Mexican.....	50	58	354	385	3,862	4,374	29	32	891	859
Western Mexican.....	41	36	195	205	2,154	2,058	22	15	490	386
Total.....	478	493	2,706	2,529	27,092	27,040	211	217	6,802	7,129

*No reports.

(TABLE E)

**ADDITIONS TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
1929 to 1933**

Conference	Persons Received into Church on Profession of Faith					Sunday School Pupils Re- ceived into Church				
	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933
Alabama.....	2,679	3,078	3,542	3,297	2,672	1,715	1,956	2,235	2,248	1,911
Arizona.....	309	364	404	292	201	216	226	273	258	169
Baltimore.....	3,041	3,285	3,226	3,567	3,297	2,439	2,859	2,377	2,873	2,882
Central Texas.....	3,983	3,665	3,947	3,401	3,485	2,937	2,815	3,014	2,439	2,810
Florida.....	3,134	2,895	3,778	2,626	2,803	2,349	2,078	2,732	2,010	2,272
Holston.....	4,257	4,652	5,219	5,174	6,111	3,017	3,041	4,312	4,998	4,533
Illinois.....	260	288	400	364	467	241	234	278	256	354
Kentucky.....	1,138	1,221	1,176	1,566	1,512	698	902	1,044	1,184	1,289
Little Rock.....	2,309	2,422	2,429	2,620	2,587	1,755	1,677	1,819	1,893	2,255
Louisiana.....	2,534	1,996	2,324	2,509	2,543	1,728	1,559	1,388	1,603	1,554
Louisville.....	1,991	3,153	2,697	3,292	2,527	1,466	1,942	1,571	2,224	1,800
Memphis.....	2,901	3,426	3,508	3,891	3,113	2,129	2,600	2,804	3,000	2,801
Mississippi.....	2,724	2,527	2,256	2,159	2,600	1,801	1,634	1,449	1,367	1,585
Missouri.....	1,470	1,040	1,392	1,397	1,520	1,232	880	1,249	996	1,248
New Mexico*.....	864	930	797	879	857	547	513	574	751	700
North Alabama.....	5,483	5,297	6,169	5,801	5,009	3,812	3,381	4,303	4,140	3,675
North Arkansas.....	3,587	3,744	3,531	3,766	3,696	2,450	2,759	2,389	2,504	2,496
North Carolina.....	3,722	4,022	3,752	4,077	3,693	2,970	3,288	2,989	3,290	3,131
North Georgia.....	4,840	4,605	4,823	5,615	5,015	4,343	3,355	3,637	4,161	4,119
North Mississippi.....	2,527	2,751	2,141	2,413	2,155	1,562	1,697	1,416	1,529	1,567
North Texas.....	4,040	3,869	4,249	2,853	2,912	2,975	2,922	3,379	2,038	2,220
Northwest.....	199	83	167	151	145	288	58	125	142	140
Northwest Texas.....	3,357	3,727	3,880	3,034	3,315	2,498	2,671	2,862	2,363	2,625
Oklahoma†.....	4,138	4,071	4,496	4,416	5,339	2,860	2,481	3,326	3,035	3,341
Pacific.....	808	1,075	873	852	928	809	603	582	673	586
South Carolina.....	2,096	2,031	1,682	1,778	2,135	1,684	1,633	1,634	1,815	1,563
South Georgia.....	4,438	4,313	4,307	4,047	3,409	2,835	2,909	2,829	2,858	2,324
Southwest Missouri.....	1,373	1,464	1,565	1,240	1,250	1,060	1,169	1,557	1,040	1,092
St. Louis.....	2,128	2,549	1,980	1,871	2,108	1,467	1,995	1,437	1,349	1,597
Tennessee.....	2,812	3,678	3,012	3,226	2,762	2,001	2,508	2,253	2,229	2,191
Texas.....	4,572	4,415	5,872	4,802	4,506	3,068	2,980	3,549	3,117	3,028
Upper South Carolina.....	3,283	3,216	3,196	3,239	2,879	2,501	2,221	2,567	2,379	2,127
Virginia.....	5,963	5,889	4,755	5,844	4,898	4,407	4,885	3,824	4,405	4,290
West Texas.....	2,473	2,306	2,155	2,028	2,311	1,700	1,723	1,429	1,383	1,829
Western North Carolina.....	5,965	6,239	6,040	6,698	5,226	4,971	5,014	4,815	5,688	4,427
Western Virginia.....	2,256	1,925	2,713	2,612	2,083	1,799	1,355	2,422	1,783	1,600
Total.....	103,654	106,111	108,453	107,197	102,069	76,230	76,223	80,463	80,051	78,131

*The figures for 1929 include the Denver and New Mexico Conferences—united by General Conference, May, 1930.

†The figures for 1929 include the East and West Oklahoma Conferences—united by General Conference, May, 1930.

(TABLE F)
ANNUAL REPORT OF CREDITS AWARDED BY
CONFERENCES, 1933

This table is but the statistical report of what has been done in the training program during the past year. The real results are to be measured by the changes that have taken place in the conceptions that workers have of their tasks, how they are doing their work, and the growth in their religious experiences.

CONFERENCE	STANDARD	COESBURY	CURSO NORMAL (SPANISH)	ADVANCED	EXCHANGE	CHRISTIAN CULTURE	CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE	TOTAL CREDITS
Alabama.....	444	147				950		1,514
Arizona.....	157	44			20	315	87	623
Baltimore.....	1,510	391		1	112	729	260	3,003
Central Texas.....	1,591	135			1	654	68	2,449
China.....	6							6
Cuba.....	64	31	593					688
Florida.....	697	243			56	1,181	226	2,403
Holston.....	2,574	368			66	1,162	64	4,234
Illinois.....	10	1			7	94		112
Indian.....		80						80
Japan.....	2							2
Kentucky.....	386	9			14	230	132	771
Latin.....		29						29
Little Rock.....	427	9				524	148	1,108
Louisiana.....	468	113			2	490	365	1,438
Louisville.....	658	90			19	328		1,095
Memphis.....	574	94			1	473	82	1,224
Mexico.....	2		7					9
Mississippi.....	603	292				402	82	1,379
Missouri.....	179	99			97	249		624
New Mexico.....	703	247			28	347		1,325
North Alabama.....	2,278	485			90	2,568	266	5,687
North Arkansas.....	2,082	822			2		104	3,010
North Carolina.....	652	1,038				511	154	2,355
North Georgia.....	1,385	1,383			1	1,268	152	4,189
North Mississippi.....	565	296				272		1,133
North Texas.....	1,272	58			7	633	10	1,980
Northwest.....	83	1			20	231	188	523
Northwest Texas.....	1,036	64			5	1,241	73	2,419
Oklahoma.....	638	80		1	111		42	872
Pacific.....	240	34			33	609	208	1,124
St. Louis.....	541	43			16	188		788
South Carolina.....	843	253			7	389	140	1,632
South Georgia.....	2,126	1,357				632	78	4,193
Southwest Missouri.....	495	81			106	290	128	1,100
Tennessee.....	1,548	407		22	1	580		2,558
Texas.....	2,190	218				502	41	2,951
Texas Mexican.....	7	36	108			54		205
Upper South Carolina.....	2,121	735				472	188	3,516
Virginia.....	3,805	320			25	888	162	5,200
West Texas.....	1,943	737			3	816	202	3,701
Western Mexican.....	13	15	109					137
Western North Carolina.....	1,643	1,411			2	697		3,753
Western Virginia.....	404	521			139	651	121	1,836
Outside our Conference.....	377							377
Totals.....	39,342	12,817	817	24	991	21,620	3,771	79,382

Total number of instructors furnished in 282 Standard Training Schools by the General Board.....	114½
Number of instructors furnished by the General Board of Missions.....	6
Number of instructors furnished by the General Board of Lay Activities.....	8
Number of instructors furnished by local and boards.....	1,011½

Total number of courses offered in Standard Training Schools in 1932..... 1,140

In addition to the number of instructors furnished in Standard Training Schools the General Board furnished 18½ instructors in Standard Training Classes, 2 in International Schools, and 8 in Young People's Training Conferences.

Total number of instructors furnished by the General Board..... 143

NOTE.—The use of one-half (½) in indicating the number of instructors used means that ½ the honorarium was paid by the General Board. By dividing honoraria in this way more schools have received help than would have been possible otherwise.

(TABLE G)

**STANDARD TRAINING SCHOOLS BY CONFERENCES,
1933**

CONFERENCE	NUMBER SCHOOLS	NUMBER ENROLLED	NUMBER CREDITS	NUMBER COURSES	G. B. INSTS.
Alabama.....	5	330	194	**17	**5
Arizona.....	2	135	107	**8	**4
Baltimore.....	11	1,111	793	44	3
Central Texas.....	18	1,059	798	69	2
Florida.....	2	302	194	9	1
Holston.....	22	1,834	1,474	85	3
Kentucky.....	2	79	48	6	...
*Little Rock.....	3	277	189	19	3
Louisiana.....	5	296	230	**19	**5 1/2
Louisville.....	8	677	455	33	2
Memphis.....	4	396	317	18	**4
Mississippi.....	3	186	154	13	1
Missouri.....	2	73	59	8	2
New Mexico.....	13	498	349	42	4
North Alabama.....	16	1,351	1,020	63	4
North Arkansas.....	12	1,101	846	47	**7
North Carolina.....	5	299	203	17	2
North Georgia.....	5	685	404	22	3
North Mississippi.....	5	220	166	18	3
North Texas.....	10	1,211	827	47	4 1/2
Northwest.....	1	44	25	2	1
Northwest Texas.....	13	692	471	48	3
Oklahoma.....	3	292	169	10	1 1/2
Pacific.....	4	90	61	12	**1
St. Louis.....	4	471	358	20	2 1/2
South Carolina.....	7	399	276	20	3
South Georgia.....	15	1,089	865	58	4
Southwest Missouri.....	4	508	341	18	5
Tennessee.....	9	932	683	38	5
*Texas.....	12	1,108	834	50	5
Upper South Carolina.....	8	974	838	29	3
Virginia.....	25	3,487	2,597	122	**7
Western North Carolina.....	7	1,264	1,015	46	5
West Texas.....	14	1,271	1,003	55	3 1/2
Western Virginia.....	4	215	176	14	2
Totals.....	283	24,956	18,539	1,140	114 1/2
Counted twice.....	1				
	282				

*The school in Texarkana counted in the Little Rock and Texas Conferences. Enrolment, credits, and expenses divided between the two conferences.

**Includes General Board help provided in Adult Assemblies.

(TABLE H)

STANDARD TRAINING CLASSES BY CONFERENCES,
1933

CONFERENCE	NUMBER CLASSES	NUMBER ENROLLED	NUMBER CREDITS	G. B. INSTS.
Alabama.....	5	134	72	.....
Arizona.....	2	32	18	1
Baltimore.....	14	190	115	.....
Central Texas.....	9	140	105	*3
Florida.....	6	92	45	.....
Holston.....	8	137	73	.....
Kentucky.....	10	199	122	.....
Little Rock.....	1	10	3	.....
Louisiana.....	4	59	35	$\frac{1}{2}$
Louisville.....	10	188	123	2
Mississippi.....	8	127	101	.....
Missouri.....	2	43	24	.....
New Mexico.....	17	291	184	.....
North Alabama.....	6	176	109	.....
North Arkansas.....	35	694	521	1
North Georgia.....	8	139	86	2
North Mississippi.....	11	189	104	.....
North Texas.....	4	125	52	.....
Northwest Texas.....	18	542	261	1
Oklahoma.....	5	110	64	* $\frac{1}{2}$
Pacific.....	2	21	12	*1
St. Louis.....	10	194	93	1
South Carolina.....	7	161	106	1
South Georgia.....	38	684	470	1
Southwest Missouri.....	2	48	19	1
Tennessee.....	15	286	213	.....
Texas.....	3	47	23	.....
Upper South Carolina.....	33	692	470	1
Virginia.....	27	588	385	.....
Western North Carolina.....	16	315	217	.....
West Texas.....	24	344	214	1
Western Virginia.....	7	95	64	$\frac{1}{2}$
Totals.....	367	7,082	4,503	18 $\frac{1}{2}$

*Includes General Board representatives in Assemblies.

(TABLE I)

CREDITS AWARDED TO COLLEGE STUDENTS, 1933

This report gives some evidence of the interest among college students in the training program. The credits are awarded on the basis of the evaluation of college courses which parallel training courses. The reports come to the Training Division from the college professors upon the request of the students. This plan of co-operation between the General Board and the colleges is helping students to assume a greater responsibility in their local churches.

COLLEGE	BIBLE	REL. ED.	MISS.	TOTAL
Arizona State Teachers College.....		2		2
Andrew College.....	117	65		182
Arkansas Agricultural-Mechanical School.....		4		4
Asbury College.....	45	172		217
Birmingham Southern.....	1,062	67		1,129
Blackstone College.....	38	46		84
Boston University.....	19	15		34
Central Missouri State Teachers College.....		1		1
Central College.....	62	1		63
Clemson College.....	44	6		50
Coker College.....	9			9
Columbia College.....		141		141
Converse College.....	5	2		7
Crew University.....	5	5		10
Duke University.....	897	141	7	1,045
East Texas State Teachers College.....	24	2		26
Emory Junior College.....	24			24
Emory and Henry College.....	674	5		679
Emory University.....	173	171	16	360
Florida State College for Women.....		1		1
Greenville Woman's College.....	4	2		6
Grenada College.....	94	11		105
Hendrix College.....	299	40	1	340
High Point College.....		5		5
Hiwassee College.....	125	2		127
Illinois College.....	3			3
Junaluska Summer School.....	16			16
Kidd-Key College.....	2	2		4
Kentucky Wesleyan.....	33	54		87
LaGrange College.....	501	113		614
Lambuth College.....	128	34		162
Lander College.....	209	28	1	238
Limestone College.....	11	10		21
Lindenwood College.....	1			1
Lon Morris.....	164	506		670
Louisiana University.....		2		2
Martin College.....	228	117		345
McMurry College.....	8	1		9
Millsaps College.....	353	48		401
Mississippi State College for Women.....		2		2
Newberry College.....	84			84
Northwestern University.....		1		1
Oklahoma City University.....	6			6
Panhandle Agricultural-Mechanical School.....	13			13
Peabody College.....	5	1		6
Randolph Macon College.....	4	11		15
Presbyterian College.....	61			61

COLLEGE	BIBLE	REL. ED.	MISS.	TOTAL
Rice Institute.....		2		2
Rutherford College.....	101			101
Sam Houston State Teachers College.....	156	135	28	319
S. F. Austin State Teachers College.....	194	1		195
Southern College.....	74	14		88
Southern Methodist University.....	243	173	19	435
Southwestern University.....	9	8	1	18
Southeast Missouri State Teachers College.....		43		43
State Agricultural and Mechanical School, Jonesville, Miss.....		1		1
State Teachers College, East Radford, Va...	2			2
Texas State College for Women.....	11	19		30
Texas Technological College.....	27			27
Texas Womans College.....	195	26		221
University of Alabama.....		1	1	2
University of Chicago.....	3	1		4
University of Colorado.....		1		1
University of Georgia.....		2		2
University of Kansas.....		1		1
University of Oklahoma.....		1		1
University of Richmond.....	3			3
University of Southern California.....	9	3	1	13
University of South Carolina.....	7			7
University of Texas.....	299	8		307
Union Theological Seminary.....	8	7		15
Vanderbilt University.....	18	16	3	37
Virginia Interment College.....	2			2
Washington and Lee University.....		1		1
Ward-Belmont College.....		10		10
Weaver College.....	36	3		39
Wesley College.....		26		26
Wesleyan College.....	72	43		115
Westmoorland.....	74	164		238
Whitworth College.....		1		1
Wofford College.....	64	44		108
Yale University.....	10	14		24
Young Harris College.....		2		2
Total.....	7,169	2,608	78	9,855

(TABLE J)

RECORD OF CREDITS IN STANDARD COURSES AWARDED ON PAPERS SENT TO THE TRAINING DIVISION

The correspondence method of taking training courses offers opportunity to any church to carry on its own program of training. It is being widely used as is indicated by this table.

CONFERENCE	EXAMI- NATION	SUPER- STUDY	OFFICE CREDIT	TOTAL
Alabama.....	25		3	28
Arizona.....	4		9	13
Baltimore.....	117	12	19	148
Central Texas.....	88	10	20	118
Cuba.....	61			61
Florida.....	49	6	3	58
Holston.....	78	7	13	98
Kentucky.....	22			22
Little Rock.....	13		6	19
Louisiana.....	23	5	6	34
Louisville.....	8	4	5	17
Memphis.....	25	7	7	39
Mississippi.....	16	2	4	22
Missouri.....	17	2	3	22
New Mexico.....	60	8	19	87
North Alabama.....	40	12	36	88
North Arkansas.....	112	1	50	163
North Carolina.....	29	3	8	40
North Georgia.....	13	7	9	29
North Mississippi.....	54	6	11	71
North Texas.....	37	5	16	58
Northwest.....	42			42
Northwest Texas.....	74	4	3	81
Oklahoma.....	48	6	11	65
Pacific.....	85	4	3	92
St. Louis.....	14	2	4	20
South Carolina.....	55	1	2	58
South Georgia.....	73	3	19	95
Southwest Missouri.....	52	2	8	62
Tennessee.....	188	6	19	213
Texas.....	94	3	6	103
Texas Mexican.....	4			4
Upper South Carolina.....	91	14	14	119
Virginia.....	437	7	54	498
West Texas.....	210	12	14	236
Western Mexican.....	4	2		6
Western North Carolina.....	18	4	14	36
Western Virginia.....	71	5	4	80
Outside Our Conferences.....			1	1
Totals.....	2,451	172	423	3,046

(TABLE K)

LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS, 1933

STANDARD COURSES

Mount Sequoyah (Four Weeks)

	TOTAL ENROL- MENT	TOTAL CREDIT STUDENTS	TOTAL CREDITS
Young People's Conference.....	116	88	167
Leadership School (Board of Missions Co- operating).....	160	118	202
Total.....	276	206	369

Lake Junaluska (Four Weeks)

Young People's Conference.....	99	73	141
First Term (Board of Missions Co-operating)	49	30	39
Second Term.....	120	68	116
Total.....	268	171	296
Total, both schools.....	544	377	665

Total Number Standard Credits (Lake Junaluska and Mount Sequoyah).....	665
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(TABLE L)

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRAINING CONFERENCES, 1933

CONFERENCE	NUMBER CONFS.	NUMBER ENROLLED	NUMBER CREDITS	NUMBER COURSES	G. B. INST.
Central Texas.....	4	168	115	12	.....
Holston.....	1	164	132	3	1
Little Rock.....	1	36	24	3	.....
Louisiana.....	2	120	77	6	2
Mississippi.....	1	17	8	3	.....
North Arkansas.....	1	199	187	8	1
North Texas.....	1	77	56	4	1
Oklahoma.....	1	158	129	4	1
South Georgia.....	2	127	109	6	.....
Texas.....	1	190	173	5	1
Virginia.....	1	116	73	3	1
Totals.....	16	1,372	1,083	57	8

(TABLE M)

CREDITS ISSUED IN PASTORS' SCHOOLS, 1933

Baltimore.....	Front Royal, Va.....	244
Florida.....	Lakeland, Fla.....	148
Georgia.....	Macon, Ga.....	228
Ky.-Ill.-Louisville-W. Va.....	Winchester, Ky.....	83
Missouri.....	Fayette, Mo.....	37
North Carolina.....	Durham, N. C.....	187
Oklahoma.....	Oklahoma City, Okla.....	112
Seashore.....	Biloxi, Miss.....	12
South Carolina.....	Columbia, S. C.....	259
Southwestern.....	Georgetown, Texas.....	92
Tennessee.....	Franklin, Tenn.....	71
Texas.....	Dallas, Texas.....	156
Transferred from old records of	the General Board of Education	24
12 Schools.....		1,653

(TABLE N)

TRAINING WORK SINCE 1916**Credits Awarded Annually in Standard Training Course:**

1916..... 637	1922.....18,752	1928.....63,857
1917..... 1,940	1923.....28,539	1929.....59,451
1918..... 3,724	1924.....42,697	1930.....52,657
1919..... 5,616	1925.....44,192	1931.....40,247
1920.....10,559	1926.....44,577	1932.....41,243
1921.....15,589	1927.....58,483	1933.....40,333

Credits Awarded Annually in Cokesbury Training Course:

1925..... 2,729	1928.....14,750	1931.....12,115
1926..... 7,074	1929.....13,274	1932.....13,671
1927.....11,401	1930.....14,523	1933.....12,817

Credits Awarded Annually in Curso Normal (Spanish Training Course):

1933..... 817

Credits Awarded Annually in Christian Culture Course:

1932.....17,330	1933.....21,817
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Credits Awarded Annually in Christian Adventure Course:

1932..... 2,491	1933..... 3,771
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Number of Standard Training Schools Conducted Annually:

1918..... 3	1923..... 185	1928..... 464
1919..... 20	1924..... 259	1929..... 487
1920..... 53	1925..... 281	1930..... 463
1921..... 89	1926..... 325	1931..... 338
1922..... 126	1927..... 400	1932..... 319
		1933..... 282

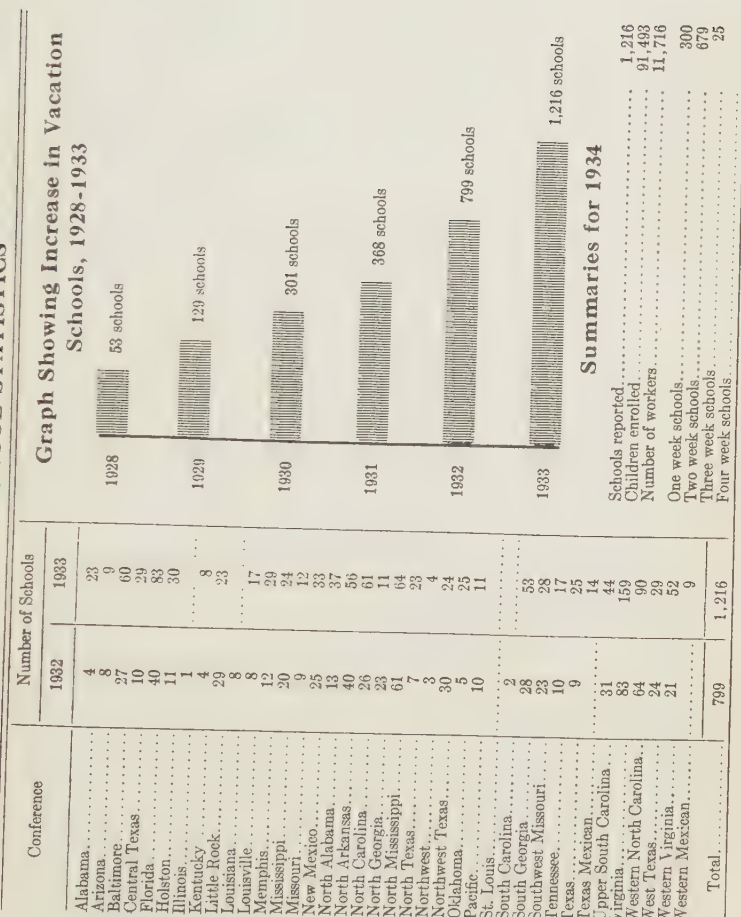
Number of Standard Training Classes Conducted Annually:

1930..... 165	1931..... 181	1932..... 294
		1933..... 367

Total Number Credits Awarded Annually, All Courses (1916 to 1924—Same as above under Standard Course):

1925.....47,045	1928.....78,717	1931.....52,380
1926.....51,714	1929.....72,759	1932.....74,755
1927.....69,884	1930.....78,717	1933.....79,882

(TABLE O)
VACATION SCHOOL STATISTICS



Conference	Number of Schools	
	1932	1933
Alabama.....	4	23
Arizona.....	8	9
Baltimore.....	27	60
Central Texas.....	10	29
Florida.....	40	83
Holston.....	11	30
Illinois.....	1	8
Kentucky.....	4	23
Little Rock.....	29	8
Louisiana.....	8	17
Louisville.....	12	29
Memphis.....	20	24
Mississippi.....	9	12
Missouri.....	25	33
New Mexico.....	13	37
North Alabama.....	40	56
North Arkansas.....	26	61
North Carolina.....	23	11
North Georgia.....	61	64
North Mississippi.....	7	23
North Texas.....	3	4
Northwest.....	30	24
Northwest Texas.....	5	25
Oklahoma.....	10	11
Pacific.....		
St. Louis.....	2	
South Carolina.....	28	53
South Georgia.....	23	28
Southwest Missouri.....	10	17
Tennessee.....	9	25
Texas.....		14
Texas Mexican.....	31	44
Upper South Carolina.....	83	159
Virginia.....	64	90
Western North Carolina.....	24	29
West Texas.....	21	52
Western Virginia.....		9
Western Mexican.....		
Total.....	799	1,216

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The Department of the Local Church of the General Board of Christian Education has prepared several leaflets, booklets, and other printed materials designed to give assistance to workers in local churches. Some of these materials deal with the organization of the local church for Christian education, while others deal with various aspects of the program.

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NOTE: Numbers under 100 and 500 to 599 indicate *general* subjects; 100 to 199, Children's Division; 200 to 399, Young People's Division; 400 to 499, Adult Division; 600 to 699, Missionary Education; 700 to 799, Leadership Training.

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A. L. Dietrich, Mgr.
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Recapitulation of Architectural Regulations for Church and Church School Buildings.

- 3-B Statement of Purpose (Temperance Card).
- 12-B Sunday School Day.
- 19-B Childhood and the Church.
- *20-B Evangelism in the Sunday School.
- *23-B Preparing Children for Reception into the Church. (For pastors only.)
- 24-B The Shrine of Sleeping Childhood.
- 25-B The Sunday School Teacher as an Evangelist.
- 30-B Depth and Variety in Christian Experience.
- 32-B Human Nature and God.
- 33-B Evangelism with Boys and Girls.
- 37-B The Lost Sheep.
- 38-B The Local Church School as an Evangelistic Agency.
- 45-B Backyard Playgrounds.
- 48-B Unity in Religious Education.
- 50-B The Sunday School and the Home in Christian Evangelism.
- 56-B Books and Pamphlets for Parents.
- 57-B The Local Church Board of Christian Education—It Works.
- 74-B A Mother's Viewpoint.
- 75-B A Little Parable for Mothers.
- 79-B List of Materials for Vacation Church Schools (revised annually).

- *84-B Parent Education and the Local Church.
- 86-B A Serious Question and a Practical Answer.
- 88-B If the Salt Have Lost Its Savor.
- *89-B Outline of the Organization and Program of Christian Education in the Local Church.
- 91-B Reaching Others—An Appeal to Local Churches.
- 92-B The Unreached and the Local Church.
- *93-B Points of Emphasis on Christian Education in the Local Church.
- 100-B Good Hymns for Juniors.
- 109-B Songs for Nursery Children.
- 110-B Songs for Beginner and Primary Children.
- 132-B The Story in a New Relationship.
- 133-B Enriching Children's Experiences through the Use of Materials.
- *183-B The Children's Division in the Local Church.
- 217-B How to Make and Pay a Pledge to Missions.
- *218-B Are You Sharing in Building a New World?
- 225-B Department Treasurer's Remittance Blanks (Blanks for transmitting missionary funds, for use of those young people's groups not having 229-H).
- 266-B Organizing the Young People's Division (Poster).
List of Mission Study Books.
List and Description of Missionary Plays and Pageants.
- *401-B The Adult Division in the Local Church.
- *403-B Increasing and Maintaining Membership.
- *406-B A Challenge to Adults.
- *407-B What Can Adult Bible Classes Do?
- *408-B How Adults Share in the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.
- 409-B Ask Another One (Questions on Adult Work).
- *417-B Suggested Activities for Home Members.
- *501-B The Work of the General Superintendent.
- 506-B List of Recommended Songbooks.
- 545-B The Workers' Library.
- 602-B What We Do through the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.
- 685-B Program Suggestions—Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise.
- 686-B Adult Classes Support Missions (Poster).
- 704-B Helps for Those Studying the Cokesbury Course.
- *706-B The Cokesbury Training Course.
- 707-B Who Is Responsible for Leadership Training?
- 708-B Values in Correspondence Study.
- 710-B Training Day in the Church.
- 712-B Help in Bible Study.
- 718-B Directions and Regulations for Supervised Study by Correspondence.
- 719-B What Training Has Meant to One Local Church.
- *723-B Announcement of Courses.

- *727-B Correspondence Study.
- *729-B Manual of Administration (Standard Leadership Training Curriculum).
- 731-B Do You Want to Be a Better Worker?
- 735-B Some Results of a Training Program.
- 745-B Every Church Can Have Prepared Workers.

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- *81-H Christian Education in the Large Church. (Probable title.
In preparation. Probable price, 10 cents.)
- *83-H Christian Education in the Small Church, 10 cents.
- 103-H Equipment and Arrangement for Children's Groups in the
Local Church, 5 cents.
- *104-H The Little Child and God, 5 cents.
- *105-H The Nursery Group on Sunday Morning, 5 cents.
- *106-H The Nursery Department, 5 cents.
- *107-H The Gift of Peace, 5 cents.
- *108-H Children's Work in the Small Church, 5 cents.
- *113-H The Beginner Department, 5 cents.
- *118-H The Primary Department, 5 cents.
- *123-H The Junior Department, 5 cents.
- *182-H Missionary Education of Children, 5 cents.
- 195-H Department Report Blanks (Children's Division), 18 cents.
- 198-H Registration Cards for Nursery Department, 50 cents per
hundred.
- *200-H The Organization of the Young People's Division in the
Local Church, 10 cents.
- *205-H Missions and World-Friendship—Program Manual (young
people), 10 cents.
- *206-H Recreation and Personal Development—Program Manual
(young people), 10 cents.
- *207-H Manual for Union Officers and Members, 10 cents.
- *208-H The Christian Culture Course, 5 cents.
- *211-H Worship—Program Manual (young people), 15 cents.
- *212-H Citizenship and Community Service—Program Manual
(young people), 10 cents.
- *213-H Church Dramatics (young people), 15 cents.
- *214-H Leadership Training—Program Manual (young people), 10
cents.
- *215-H Evangelism and Church Relationships—Program Manual
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cents.
- 226-H Conference Treasurer's Voucher Envelope (young people),
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per hundred, 25 cents.

- 228-H Young People's Conference Treasurer's Book, \$2.50.
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 50 cents.
 231-H Secretary's Book, Young People's Division, 50 cents.
 236-H Christian Culture Certificate, per hundred, \$1.25.
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 295-H Book of Department Report Blanks (Young People's Division,
 forms for a year's supply), 18 cents.
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 forms for a year's supply), 45 cents.
 *410-H Worship, Adult Division, 5 cents.
 *411-H Leadership Training and Study, Adult Division, 5 cents.
 *412-H Recreation, Adult Division, 5 cents.
 *413-H Evangelism and Church Loyalty, Adult Division, 5 cents.
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 Committees to the Board, 22 cents.
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